

I am writing to you today because I have been thinking about you very much lately. I hope you are well and happy. I have been busy with work, but I always find time to think of my friends.

With love,
Mrs. Eliza Parker

P.S. Please write back soon!

JUDGMENT ENTERED TUESDAY AGAINST JAMES R. SMITH.

He Will Be Compelled to Pay William R. Wirsing \$45,000,
the Full Verdict Awarded.

SESSIONS OF COURT FOR WEEK

Matters, Principally of a Routine Nature, Were Disposed of—Higbee Argues to Quash Motion for Auditing of Byrne's Accounts.

UNIONTOWN, Jan. 7.—Judgment was entered this morning which settles the famous damage suit brought by William R. Wirsing against his father-in-law James R. Smith as a consequence of the Smithfield shooting scrape of nearly two years ago. Smith will be compelled to pay Wirsing \$45,000, the full amount of the verdict.

Several weeks ago Judge Reppert handed down an order by which Smith might have saved \$10,000 for Wirsing expressed his willingness to accept less than the amount awarded him. Smith ignored this matter, however, and this morning judgment was awarded against him.

A short session of court was held today, at which various matters were disposed of. Nothing of great importance was presented. Attorney E. C. Higbee of Conneltsville filed additional reasons in the petition to quash the motion to have the accounts of County Chairman John R. Byrne audited. Higbee claimed that the twelfth section of the Act of March 6, 1896 is unconstitutional, being in conflict with the fifth and fourteenth sections of the Constitution of the United States.

Attorney H. A. Cottom presented a petition in equity this morning in behalf of George W. Lenhart of Brownsville to obtain the correction of the title to a deed. Lenhart came into possession of Brownsville property, the title to which is clouded.

A peddler's license was issued to the Urbelsch of Uniontown. In the estate of the late Daniel Barnhart of Dunbar township letters of administration have been issued to John Work. Bond in the sum of \$500 was given.

Mike Davis and Thomas McCosh of Juniataville were fined \$25 and costs for violating the game laws. This is the most lenient sentence that can be made. They passed a danger signal in the mines.

Dr. Edward A. McCombs formerly of Scotland registered to practice in Fayette county today. He is located at Connettsville, No. 2.

Franklin township voters will express their views on the cash road tax at the February election. Last spring the cash tax people lost but they will try it again this year.

AFTER POINTERS

District Attorney Henderson Will Investigate Manner of Conducting Office in Nearby Counties.

UNIONTOWN, Jan. 8.—District Attorney Henderson is after a record. Accompanied by Assistant District Attorney Patterson he went to Greensburg yesterday afternoon to get some pointers on how they do things in Allegheny county and within the next few weeks will communicate with every District Attorney and County Detective in the nearby counties.

Realizing that there is a vast amount of criminal work in the county, Mr. Henderson says he wants to start right. He has secured officers for his assistant in the same building with his own and also persuaded the County Detective to move to Uniontown in order to be in close touch with the District Attorney's office.

There are several candidates for the job of Assistant County Detective but Frank McLaughlin of Dunbar township looks stronger than all the rest. McLaughlin is a quiet and an assuming officer who manages to get to the front without the accompaniment of firework. In addition to be employed as a special officer for the West Penn Railways, Frank has lots of friends who would be more than pleased to see him land the new office.

Married in Pittsburg

Adelbert J. Pfister of Philadelphia and Isabelle Franks daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Franks of Conneltsville were quietly married in Pittsburg on Saturday afternoon January 4. The bride is a popular young lady of 18 years and the groom is well known around Pittsburg. They will make their future home in Homestead.

Rabbi Resigns

Rabbi Isidor Reichert, pastor of the Reform Jewish congregation in Uniontown, has resigned his office and will leave Uniontown about February 1 for New York where he will spend about four months before which he will resume his pastoral duties in New York City.

DIVORCE AFTER 20 YEARS

Mrs. Mary L. Holly of Ohio seeks Separation.

Mrs. Mary L. Holly has had Attorney Smith and Brownfield prepare and file the papers for an action in divorce from her husband Samuel L. Holly, to whom she was married at Ohio nearly 20 years ago.

The trial was presented to Judge Van Swearingen and the usual subpoena awarded. Following the marriage of the Hollys they lived at Ohio for some months and later at Dawson. Some time in 1900 it is alleged he cut loose from the home ties and his present address is not known. Desertion is charged.

ROBERT WOODS DEAD.

On Visit to Brother Dr. S. D. Woods, and Contracted Cold That Developed Pneumonia.

Robert Woods, aged 75 years, a resident of Denver, Colo., for many years, died Tuesday at the home of his brother Dr. S. D. Woods on East Fairview avenue after a brief illness. Mr. Woods came here about three months ago to visit his brother Dr. Woods and had enjoyed fairly good health up until about a week ago when he contracted a severe cold which developed into pneumonia which resulted in his death.

Deceased was the son of the late Samuel and Leah Woods and was born and reared in Waynesburg, Greene county. After his marriage he left for Denver where he engaged in contracting having erected many buildings in that city. His wife died late in the past summer. He is survived by an adopted son who resides in Chicago and the following brothers and sisters: Dr. George B. Woods of Washington, Pa.; Dr. S. D. Woods of Conneltsville; Mrs. Abigail Hogue and Mrs. Anna Scott Greene of Conneltsville; Mrs. Emma Sellers Pittsburg and Mrs. Elizabeth Tewkherr, Columbus, O.

MRS. DORCAS A. MILLER
Aged Mother of Mrs. George B. Brown Died Tuesday After a Brief Illness.

Mrs. Dorcas Amanda Miller died Tuesday at the home of her daughter Mrs. George B. Brown No. 407 North Pittsburg street. She was 83 years of age. Death was due to pneumonia. Although Mrs. Miller had been in failing health for the past two years she was only taken seriously ill last Wednesday.

Funeral services were held Thursday morning at 9 o'clock. Rev. David Jones of the First Methodist Protestant church officiating. Owing to the illness of Mrs. Brown who has been confined to her bed for several days, the services will be private. Mrs. Miller's body will be interred in the Grace church cemetery near Uniontown.

Mrs. Miller was born in Washington county but made her home in Conneltsville during the past 25 years.

ANNUAL ELECTION

Of Officers of the First Baptist Church Was Held on Saturday Evening.

The annual meeting of the congregation of the First Baptist church was held Saturday evening in the church with a large number of the congregation present. The following is the result of the annual election:

Trustees: Austin Cable, T. H. Hixson, T. C. Rose, Harry Rogers and J. M. Smith; Clerk: L. V. Marshall; Financial Secretary: Miss Jennie Hebert; Assistant Financial Secretary: Mrs. Cora Besse Stauffer; Collectors: Austin Cable and T. H. Hixson; Treasurer: William Snyder; Treasurer: Chas. Hatfield; Ushe J. M. Smith; Austin Cable was elected a new deacon. The business meeting was followed by refreshments served by the ladies.

G. A. R. OFFICERS

Of Will F. Stewart Post Installed at Uniontown.

The annual installation of officers took place Monday evening at the regular meeting of William F. Stewart Post of Uniontown held in the City of Pittsburg. The new officers are as follows: Commander: J. O. Miller; Senior Vice Commander: L. V. Marshall; Junior Vice Commander: E. B. Snider; Chaplain: C. J. Smith; Quartermaster: R. A. McClain; Assistant Quartermaster: W. T. Kennedy; Adjutant: T. B. Whaley; Officer of the Day: Will F. Stewart; Sergeant: D. C. Campbell; Council of Administration: D. C. Campbell; Will F. Stewart and W. T. Kennedy.

Samuel Resigned
County Treasurer Hoffman paid out \$2.50 in bonds in Somerset county for various meals and for.

E. F. ACHESON'S SLATE.

Washington Republican Endorse Craven, Spruill and McCabe
WASHINGTON, Pa. January 7.—Frank Craven of California, W. W. Spruill of Houston and A. E. McCabe of Hanover township were slated as the Republican candidates for the Legislature from Washington county yesterday.

This action by the Republican leaders means former Sheriff C. B. Carothers who was early announced to be a candidate for the nomination will not get official endorsement. Charles Beasley of Monacaugh has been an avowed candidate and has announced he will not withdraw and claims to have drawn to his support powerful influences. Carothers is promised the same support.

On Friday it is announced John K. Toner of Charlestown will formally declare himself a candidate to succeed Congressman E. F. Acheson in the 24th district.

VETERANS BANQUET.

Thirteen G. A. R. Men Sit Down to Yough House Dinner.

ILLNESS KEPT SOME AWAY

Business Meeting of Wm. F. Kurtz Post No. 194 Preceded the Dinner When Officers for the Ensuing Year Were Installed.

The attendance at the G. A. R. meeting Wednesday was small on account of the inclement weather and a number of the members being ill. The program was somewhat changed from the original plan and the meeting was held prior to the dinner. The officers with the exception of three were duly installed and after a donation of \$5.00 had been voted a worthy comrade the veterans returned to the Yough House and at 7 o'clock sat down to a table of the things prepared by Proprietor James McGloin.

After all were seated and the roll called the number present was given as 13. One of the party was absent and went out to get another man. He failed, however, but was consoled when one of the comrades remarked that the number 13 was not an unlucky number. The American flag and a number of the veterans' medals were placed on the table and the veterans' song was sung. The dinner was a most enjoyable one and the veterans' comradeship was well shown.

One of the comrades spoke of Congressman Allen F. Cooper in glowing terms as being one of the best friends the veterans had.

A matter was taken up in reference to a comrade of the Civil War who was wounded in the service and for a long while has been totally blind. The matter is being handled by a committee and in effort will be made to have his rating increased.

Following are the names of the comrades present: J. O. Miller, Frank Miller, A. E. Cable, J. M. Smith, C. J. Hatfield, H. Hixson, T. C. Rose, Harry Rogers and J. M. Smith.

GOT BOARDERS DRUNK.

Then Frank Lages and His Wife Skipped Out Only to Be Arrested in Greensburg.

UNIONTOWN, Jan. 7.—Well planned and elaborate robbery of a large sum of money was carried out by Frank Lages and his wife in Greensburg. The couple were arrested Sunday night by Pittsburg officers and his wife was taken to the Greensburg jail. The couple were arrested Sunday night by Pittsburg officers and his wife was taken to the Greensburg jail.

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AUDITORS ORGANIZE.

Wm. J. Ruble is Elected President of County Board and John S. Rittenour Secretary.

UNIONTOWN, Jan. 7.—The Board of County Auditors were a most organized organization Monday afternoon when on account of the sickness of Wm. J. Ruble he could not be present. John S. Rittenour and J. M. Smith were elected to the position which he held last year.

An adjournment was taken until next Monday when an audit of the accounts of the past year will be taken up. At the same time they will choose their counsel and stenographer.

Send in your subscription for The

MORTON WILL CASE ARGUED IN COURT.

Decision of Judge Work is Expected in a Few Days.

DISPUTE IS OVER TWO WILLS

Which Are Claimed to Have Been Written by Mrs. Amanda Morton. Others Matters Disposed of at Session of Orphans' Court Yesterday.

UNIONTOWN, Jan. 7.—Before Judge Work in the Orphans' court Monday afternoon arguments were made in the Amanda Morton will case which has been pending for some months. It is expected that a final order will be made by the court within a short time and the matter thus set at rest. Mrs. Morton who was the wife of Alexander B. Morton a wealthy resident of Conneltsville died a few years ago. Shortly after her death a dispute was started over her will and testament was admitted to probate. The dispute was admitted to probate. The dispute was admitted to probate.

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MUCH SICKNESS.

Is Reported in the Public Schools by Truant Officer Joseph T. Crossland.

Truant Officer Joseph T. Crossland Wednesday stated that there is more sickness among school children just now than at any previous time during the present term. Last day several cases were reported. The number of truant children is reported to be doing most of the mischief.

A sum of 15 new cases were reported to the truant officer while his morning 12 more out of school on account of sickness.

Relative to Frances Crossland's case, less or less of it going on now than ever before. Although her case is a serious one, it is not of the nature of the other cases.

WON'T SEE BIRTHDAY

Aged Patrick Keown Falls Dead at Breakfast Table.

Pittsburg, Jan. 14.—Patrick Keown, aged 101 years, died at his home in Pittsburg Monday morning. He had been in bed for some time and his death was not unexpected. Keown was born in Ireland on September 13, 1806.

Patrick's Day 1908

VIEWERS APPOINTED

To Consider Vacating Part of Road at East Liberty.

At the session of court on Tuesday afternoon a large number of property owners and other citizens in the vicinity of East Liberty asked for three disinterested viewers to inquire into the advisability of vacating a portion of the road at East Liberty. The viewers were appointed Thomas M. Zimmerman, William H. Johnson and Frank L. Adams. The viewers will meet on Tuesday afternoon at 2 o'clock at the office of the viewers.

K. OF M. BANQUET

At Mt. Pleasant Last Evening Was Attended by Over 200 Knights and Guests.

MT. PLEASANT, Jan. 8.—The Mt. Pleasant Chapter No. 61 Knights of the Order of the Ku Klux Klan held a banquet at the Hotel Hamilton last evening. The banquet was attended by over 200 knights and guests. The banquet was a most successful one and the knights were very much pleased with the results.

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NEW BOOKS.

Mrs. Daigh Gives Out List That Has Recently Been Added at Carnegie Library.

The following list of books has recently been received by the Carnegie library and will be ready for circulation today at a cost of \$10.00. The books are: "The Life of George Washington," by John F. Johnson; "The Life of Abraham Lincoln," by John F. Johnson; "The Life of Benjamin Franklin," by John F. Johnson.

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WAGE CONFERENCE

Will Be Taken Up by the Board of Directors This Month at Pittsburg.

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SAVED FROM BEING A CRIPPLE

FOR LIFE

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The Weekly Courier \$1.00 a year

FIREMAN FALLS BENEATH TRAIN; LIFE IS SAVED BY DEEP SNOW.

Frank Smith Slipped From Tender But Brake Beam Pushed Him Along Until Train Stops.

TAKES AN APPEAL

Pennsylvania Railroad Objects to Squares Judgment.

UNIONTOWN, Jan. 8.—The Pennsylvania Railroad has taken an appeal from the decision of Squares P. O. of Conneltsville in the case of the Smithfield shooting. The railroad objects to the decision of the court which awarded \$45,000 to the plaintiff. The railroad has taken an appeal from the decision of the court.

Connellsville Poison Factories

You Will Be Surprised to Learn How

Many There Are. Did you ever feel tired and dull after eating a heavy dinner? When food is retained too long in the stomach because of stomach weakness the poison from it will enter the blood and there is a general condition of the body. The poison from it will enter the blood and there is a general condition of the body.

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DUNBAR TOWNSHIP DIRECTORS

Will Hold Their Monthly Meeting on Saturday at Leisenger.

The regular meeting of the Dunbar township directors will be held Saturday at the Leisenger building at 10 o'clock. The meeting will be held at the Leisenger building at 10 o'clock.

MRS. ESTHER MINARD

Died at Fairchance From Injuries Received in Fall.

Mrs. Esther Minard, aged 65 years, died at her home in Fairchance from injuries received in a fall. She fell from a horse and was injured. She died from the injuries. She died from the injuries.

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SUSTAINED SLIGHT INJURIES

Had Rails Been Clear Wheels of the Baggage Car Would Have Severed His Body in Two—Bold Stranger Steals His Watch.

One of the most lucky accidents on record befell a man in Frank Smith of Uniontown on Tuesday. The first Chicago came to the depot here about ten o'clock. Smith slipped from his tender falling between the rails. He was dragged over a hundred feet by the brake beams but escaped with only minor injuries.

As is the custom Smith was making his way over the tender to take water at the tank when his foothold gave away. The train was going at slack speed but had to be ground to a halt. Smith was dragged over a hundred feet by the brake beams but escaped with only minor injuries.

Section Four of a K. K. long who saw Smith fall rushed to the scene and attempted to extricate him. Smith was unconscious and his body was pinned so tight beneath the brake beam that it was necessary to back up the train a few feet. When the train was moved the ambulance was summoned. The injured man was removed to the hospital where it was found that his injuries were not serious. He sustained a severe scalp wound and had his leg and chin slightly hurt.

While Smith was lying on the platform someone came up and calmly removed his watch from his pocket. The watch was a gold watch and was worth \$10.00. The watch was a gold watch and was worth \$10.00. The watch was a gold watch and was worth \$10.00.

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OFFICERS INSTALLED.

At Meeting of the Knights of the Macabees for Ensuing Year Last Evening.

At a meeting of the Knights of the Macabees held last evening the following officers were installed for the ensuing year: Past Commander: S. A. Colquhoun; Commander: W. H. Hixson; Vice Commander: Thomas Brennan; Secretary: W. H. Hixson; Treasurer: W. H. Hixson; Chaplain: W. H. Hixson; Auditor: W. H. Hixson; Marshal: W. H. Hixson; Sergeant: W. H. Hixson; Guards: W. H. Hixson; Trustees: W. H. Hixson; Committee: W. H. Hixson; Counselor: W. H. Hixson.

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I will put Lewis Special Rye
Up against any whiskey you ever tasted.

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SOME SUGGESTIONS HE MAKES.

The drainage of a mine is usually well cared for, very few mines not having adequate drainage facilities.

J. O. C. ENTERTAINED.

AN ANCIENT BIBLE.

'Jean said the woman turning to her servant, tell the man your master's name I never can remember it.'

ANNUAL ELECTION YESTERDAY.

REGISTERED VOTERS.

has a total of 2,071 voters

Jeannette Grip Stricken
Jeannette is in the grasp of an epidemic of grip

Two B. & O. Men Held Up on T.

DAWSON WINS.

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Cotton Crop Big
WASHINGTON, D. C., Jan.
(Special).—The census shows that
9,642,700 bales of cotton were ginned
January 1, 1903.

BOUGHT CROSS-S RANCH TRACT

there being a substantial stream of these

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late 19th century. It is a very large, multi-story building with a prominent central tower and a series of smaller towers and turrets. The architecture is a mix of Gothic and Romanesque styles, with pointed arches and decorative stonework. The building is surrounded by a large, open area, possibly a courtyard or a park, and is situated in a prominent location within the city.

CORN PRODUCTS
MANUFACTURING CO.



WORST SNOW STORM OF WINTER; BIG FALL IN THE MOUNTAINS.

At Sand Patch a Depth of 17 Inches is Reported, While Good Depth is Reached Here.

TRAFFIC ENCOUNTERS DELAY.

Baltimore & Ohio Trains and West Penn Street Cars Have Hard Time Keeping Up With the Schedules. Lots of Sleighing is Afforded.

Tuesday's snow storm was the worst of the winter in Connellsville and its environs fully seven inches covered the ground at night. The snow continued throughout the day and evening without cessation.

In the mountain districts the fall was exceptionally heavy. A Sand Patch, Meyersdale, Confluence and other mountain towns various depths are reported from 17 inches down.

Thomas Neville, boss of the Baltimore & Ohio work train is authority for the statement that there were 17 inches of snow at Sand Patch. Tom has had experience with snow storms and ought to know. At Meyersdale there were 14 inches according to reports from that section.

Old timers are predicting that the snow will not last long. These statements are based on the old superstition that snow falling on a Friday and soon melts away. There was enough for good sleighing last night however.

A good many sleighs were on the streets Tuesday and Tuesday evening. The annual custom of turning Pittsburg street into a speedway again prevailed and some of the thoroughbred sleighs, carrying the drivers and passengers, were fractured, but with good sleighing everything goes. Sleights are in evidence on the streets today.

The snow put the fire alarm system out of commission for a few hours and City Electrician A. J. Buttermore was out at 1 o'clock Tuesday morning and remained on duty until nearly noon looking up the trouble.

At an early hour on Wednesday the South Side circuit was cut, but leaving the other three in commission. Buttermore expects to have this fourth line working before evening.

Traffic on the West Penn railroad and the Baltimore & Ohio railroad during the night was interfered with and trains and cars were somewhat delayed, though there were no serious holdups. The telephone wires and telegraph lines came in for their usual inconvenience.

Throughout all the mountain districts in southwestern Pennsylvania the storm continued all day Tuesday. Snow fell in blinding flakes for more than 12 hours. Some of the country roads today are almost impassable and will be on Monday, so if the wind starts the snow drifting.

MONTHLY REPORT OF PUBLIC SCHOOLS

The Attendance of Pupils During December Was Over 1,500.

THE AVERAGE WAS ALSO GOOD.

Principal Deffenbaugh and the Ward Principals Report That the Corps of Teachers Are Doing Good and Earnest Work.

Principal W. S. Deffenbaugh Tuesday gave out his report for the fourth month of the Connellsville public schools. Principal Deffenbaugh made 110 visits to the schools, the ward principals made 1,000 visits and others made 185 visits. There were three ward meetings, one general meeting and three ward meetings. Principal Deffenbaugh and the ward principals are doing good earnest work, that they are in their respective rooms from seven to eight o'clock every morning, working on their reports, etc., and that they also play at home each night work for the next day. The report in detail is as follows:

High School		
Freshman	75	106
Sophomore	61	85
Junior	41	57
Senior	17	23
Total		
	194	271
Third Ward		
No 1 Miss Cameron	61	85
No 2 Miss Howard	41	57
No 3 Miss Erickson	21	29
No 4 Miss Brown	11	15
No 5 Miss Gammie	41	57
No 6 Miss Evans	21	29
No 7 Miss McCracken	21	29
No 8 Miss Larkin	21	29
Total		
	147	197
Second Ward		
No 1B Miss Peterson	41	57
No 1A Miss Keaton	41	57
No 2 Miss Gault	21	29
No 3 Miss Gault	21	29
No 4 O. P. Gault	21	29
Total		
	124	171
Fourth Ward		
No 1 Miss Harte	21	29
No 2 Miss Myers	21	29
No 3 Miss Harte	21	29
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No 6 Miss Harte	21	29
No 7 Miss Harte	21	29
No 8 Miss Harte	21	29
Total		
	168	228

TENER A CANDIDATE

Charles Republican Will Contest With Acheson for Congress. John K. Tener of Charleston has decided to be a candidate for the Republican nomination for representative in the Twenty-fourth Congressional district. He will be opposed by Lawrence H. Acheson, Democrat, and by J. H. Johnson, Independent.

OLD RESIDENT DEAD AT AVALON.

William Layburn, Identified With Early Industries of New Haven, No More.

RESIDED THERE 40 YEARS. Several Years Superintendent of the Old Woolen Mills, Later Conducting a Store and Acquiring Property Here Two Months Ago.

WHILE LAYBURN, a well-known resident of New Haven, died at his home in Avalon, Conn., Tuesday, Jan. 13, at the age of 84. He was born in New York City, and came to New Haven in 1868, where he resided for 40 years. He was a member of the New Haven Board of Trade, and was a prominent citizen. He was a well-known figure in the community, and was a member of the New Haven Board of Trade, and was a prominent citizen. He was a well-known figure in the community, and was a member of the New Haven Board of Trade, and was a prominent citizen.

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MANY INQUIRIES. Made to County Commissioners Concerning State Roads.

UNIONTOWN, Jan. 14.—The county commissioners today received many inquiries from the public concerning the state roads. The inquiries were made by a number of citizens who were interested in the improvement of the roads in the county.

MARRIED IN CUMBERLAND. Ira Jaynes, Well Known Motorman, and Miss Amanda Fisher.

Ira Jaynes, a well-known motorman, was married to Miss Amanda Fisher in Cumberland, Md., Tuesday, Jan. 13. The ceremony was performed by the Rev. Mr. Smith, and was a very quiet affair.

TELEGRAPHERS SCARCE. Railroads in Pittsburg District Are Short of Men.

A dearth of telegraphers is being experienced by the railroads in the Pittsburg district. The shortage is due to the fact that many telegraphers have left the service to take up other occupations.

ACTIONS IN EJECTMENT. Georges Township People Want Land Claimed by Brewery.

UNIONTOWN, Jan. 14.—The action in ejectment brought by the Georges township people against the brewery, claiming land, is being continued in the court today. The case is being heard by Judge Smith.

WESTMORELAND WEDDING. Miss Emma McMurray, Who Visited Here, to Be Married.

Miss Emma McMurray, who visited here recently, is to be married in Westmoreland, Pa., Tuesday, Jan. 19. The ceremony will be performed by the Rev. Mr. Smith.

TRIED IT TWICE. This Man Has a Propensity for Breaking into Homes.

UNIONTOWN, Jan. 14.—John D. Day, a man who has a propensity for breaking into homes, was arrested today by the police. He was found in the act of breaking into a house on Main street.

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NEW TRINITY RECTOR.

Dr. Thomas J. Lloyd Comes to New Haven From Dunbar.

RETAINS ST. JOHN'S CHURCH.

For Which He Has Done Much in the Past Eighteen Months—New Haven Congregation Would Like to Have Church Property in Connellsville.

The Rev. Dr. Thomas J. Lloyd, who has been rector of St. John's Church in Dunbar, Md., for the past eighteen months, is coming to New Haven, Conn., to take charge of the Trinity Episcopal Church.

Dr. Lloyd has done much for the Trinity Church in Dunbar, and the congregation in New Haven would like to have the church property in Connellsville.

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BOY KILLS NEGRO BURGLAR IN HIS HOME AT ALVERTON.

Harry W. Bowser, Surprised at His School Studies, Pluckily Meets Attack of Men With Deadly Aim of Shotgun.

ONE NEGRO HAD FIRED AT HIM

Through Window, When Young Bowser, 14 Years Old, Rushed Up Stairs, Secured Gun From His Father and Killed Burglar Who Had Entered Basement Stairs—Negro Unknown

ALVERTON, Jan. 10.—Paul Bowser, the 14 year old son of Harry W. Bowser, a farmer living over a mile from this place, shot and instantly killed a negro burglar in his home about 11:30 o'clock last night. The burglar was accompanied by another colored man who had commanded young Bowser to hold up his hands and when he refused had fired a shot through the basement window at the boy. The whole country side has been at the Bowser home this morning to look at the dead negro but up to noon today he had not been identified.

Young Bowser who is a bright boy at school, was late with his studies last night. He was accustomed to study alone in a cheerful basement room of the house. He was there last night, when about 11:30 he was startled by the appearance of the face of a negro pressed against the window. Then a second negro appeared. The first negro ordered the boy in an undertone to hold up his hands. Young Bowser, immediately jumped for the basement stairs. The negro fired at him through the window at the same instant. The bullet went wild. Bowser ran to the room where his father was preparing to go to bed. He called before he reached the room to give him the shot gun that burglars were breaking into the house. Mr. Bowser grabbed the gun, but the boy took it from his hand as he leaped into the room and then rushed back down stairs.

Turning the foot of the basement stairs he ran full tilt into the negro who had entered by way through a window or door. Before the negro could shoot young Bowser had emptied a heavy charge of shot into his body. The burglar died almost instantly. The pistol he carried one of very large calibre and with six chambers loaded fell to the floor. The other negro, who had also entered the room, made his escape. Young Bowser said the man who escaped is the one who shot at him at first and ordered him to throw up his hands.

The charge of shot entered the negro burglar's abdomen. But one barrel was used on him. Paul took another shot at the other burglar who dodged out of the door just in time to escape it.

The dead negro is about 5 feet ten inches tall and is apparently under 30 years of age. He wore a corduroy suit of clothes and cap. There was nothing on his person by which he might be identified.

Corner Wm. of Westmoreland county came to Alvert on at noon today and drove out to the Bowser home where an inquest will be held on the dead negro.

In killing a negro burglar who attempted to enter the Bowser home at Alvert on Thursday night Paul Bowser, aged 14, ended the life of a man who has for several years borne an unsavory reputation as a former jail bird and all around bad man. The victim was Noah Ross of Connelville well known to the local police. His companion escaped.

The body of Ross was identified by his brother Joseph, also of Connelville. He was the son of William Ross of town. When the Ross family learned of the shooting the suspicion arose that it might have been Noah. This proved correct. The body was removed to the undertaking establishment of J. L. Stader last night. Ross had a bad reputation. For the past several weeks he has been under police surveillance as it was thought he might have been implicated in some of the recent robberies and assaults that have been reported in this vicinity late. He is known to have made threats against both Chief of Police Rottler and Fire Chief J. W. Mitchell within the past few days.

The man was but a few months ago released from the Mountville penitentiary after serving a three years term for the murder of a Wheeling policeman. He was given two trials. At the first he was convicted of first degree murder but a second trial resulted in his conviction and a light sentence. Chief of Police Rottler and Pennsylvania Railroad Detective Martin Covne were witnesses against him. The killing took place about 5 years ago. A short time before it occurred Ross served six months in the work house for attempting to slash Chief Rottler with a razor.

The shooting of Ross was spectacular. Young Bowser had been studying his lessons in the basement and late down to take a nap. He was awakened when four shots were fired through a window at him. One of the bullets struck the cushion on which he lay and his head. Bowser started to run up the steps and the two negroes plunged through the window after him. Noah Ross continued to snap his revolver but it failed to explode. At the top of the steps Bowser picked up a loaded shot gun and

turned on the men. Ross was less than ten feet away when he fired and the charge entered his chest. His companion was scared off and the body of Ross laid in the room until yesterday morning when the family picked up sufficient courage to make an investigation. Deputy Coroner H. A. McMurtry, after being notified of the affair, went to the scene and held an inquest. Young Bowser was exonerated.

The funeral of Ross will take place tomorrow afternoon at 2 o'clock from the residence of his mother, Mrs. Eliza Ross, on South Arch street. Funeral and interment private.

ANOTHER BODY FOUND.

That of Albert Linway Taken From Darr Mine Thursday Evening Identified

JACOBS CREEK, Jan. 11.—The Darr mine is still giving up its dead. Thursday evening the body of Albert Linway was found in one of the rooms of the main workings buried beneath a fall of slate and coal. The body was identified by the mine check and also by the shoes. Linway was married, leaving a wife and seven children.

A force of men is still at work clearing up the debris. Numerous falls are being encountered each day and it is expected that a few more bodies may be found buried beneath these. There is no talk here of resuming operations at the mine but it is expected that this will be done within a few weeks.

Linway's body was brought here Friday and taken to Funerall Director J. L. Stader's rooms and Saturday was taken to St. John's Slavish church in New Haven where a requiem high mass was celebrated at 8:30 o'clock. Three Slavish societies of which Linway was a member were represented at the services. The interment took place in St. John's cemetery near Trotter.

COASTING ACCIDENT.

Harry Sisley, Aged 10 Years Is at the Hospital With Fractured Skull

Harry Sisley, aged 10 years son of Mr. and Mrs. C. P. Sisley of South Connelville, met with a very painful accident while out coasting Saturday about 9 o'clock A. M. While coming down Wine street the sled ran into one of the horses attached to the South Connelville Lumber Company's wagon.

The boy was thrown under the wagon. He was brought to the Cottage State Hospital where he was operated on shortly after noon. It is thought that his skull is fractured.

VETERAN ODD FELLOW.

Charles Cheney Dies at Grove City, Pa. Home

DAWSON, Jan. 11.—Charles Cheney, aged 73 years, a former resident of this section died Tuesday at the Odd Fellows Home at Grove City, Pa. The body was brought to Dawson Wednesday over the Baltimore & Ohio and was taken in charge by Undertaker William H. Parrish. The funeral was held Thursday at 10 o'clock from the M. E. church. Underhill the Order of Odd Fellows having charge. Mr. Cheney was one of the oldest members of the order being a charter member. He was well known in this section having lived in and around West Liberty and Vanderburg nearly all his life. He was born at Grimsdore, Pa. His wife died a number of years ago. Two sons survive him, George of Mt. Vernon, O. and Charles of Columbus, O.

AFTERNOON CARD CLUB

The Guests of Mrs. E. P. Clark on Friday Afternoon

The Afternoon Card Club was delightfully entertained on Friday afternoon by Mrs. E. P. Clark at the home of her parents Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Huggins on North Pittsburg street. The hours were from 2:30 until 6 o'clock. Bridge and five hundred were the games played. At the close of the games the prize at bridge was won by Mrs. L. H. Conklin while the prize at five hundred was carried off by Mrs. E. B. Edie.

Luncheon was served about 4:30 o'clock. The next meeting will be held Friday, January 17 at the home of Miss Eleanor Herpich on East Main street.

WILL SELL GOODS

Order Issued by Judge Van Swearingen for W. C. McCormick, UNIONTOWN, Jan. 11.—On petition of Contractor W. C. McCormick Judge Van Swearingen this morning issued an order directing that the horses, carriages and other personal property of Dore Brothers be sold by Sheriff Jones.

This property was attached by Sheriff Jones.



GOT HIM BY THE NOSE AGAIN
The grip epidemic now raging in many parts of his country is the worst in years.—News Item

THAW JURY COMPLETE FIRE IN NEW HAVEN.

Both the Prosecution and Defense Pleaded With It.

EVELYN SAYS IT'S ALL RIGHT.

Commission Will Be Asked for Monday Morning to Come to Pittsburgh and Take the Testimony of Harry Thaw's Mother, Who is Very Ill.

NEW YORK, Jan. 11.—What do I think of the jury? It's a hundred percent better than the last I mentioned.—Evelyn Thaw

It was one of the clearest cut juries I have ever seen. There can be no question of its fairness.—District Attorney Jerome

The defense is content.—Maurice W. Littleton
Unless something unforeseen develops the State will complete its direct proof of Stanford White's killing at Monday morning's session declared Jerome today. Jerome and his assistants are engaged today with their witnesses' examination. They will only call the two firemen stationed in the garden who arrested Thaw and Lieutenant Devery to whom Thaw admitted the shooting.

Jerome took up today legal opinions bearing upon the admissibility of Evelyn's testimony. Monday before Governor Thaw makes his opening address. Littleton will make a motion for the appointment of a commission to go to Pittsburgh to take Mrs. Wm. Thaw's deposition. Physicians notified the defense counsel that her health will not permit a trip to New York. She will receive Harry's only career his illness and insanity which in the immediate family. Littleton is preparing for his opening address Monday. O'Reilly is mustering defense witnesses and will interview this morning. Edna Goodrich who is expected to be one of the star witnesses.

After a consultation with the medical experts the Thaw counsel announced this morning that the defense would be that Thaw was suffering from a mental disease known as stupor, melancholia, when the crime was committed. The symptoms Dr. Allan McGowan Hamilton declares of afflicted persons is (1) to realize the transpiring of events leading up to a tragedy. The mind may awaken and they are possibility of cure.

OFFICERS INSTALLED.

Loyal Order of Moose Lodge Held Services and Later Feast on Roast Pig

Officers of the Connelville Lodge Loyal Order of Moose were installed with appropriate ceremonies Friday night. There was a large turnout of members to attend the affair. Hon. Curtis H. Gregg of Greensburg was master of ceremonies. The new officers are:

Worthy Dictator: W. E. Rice. Past Worthy Dictator: J. T. Buttermore. Vice Dictator: W. S. Hutchinson. Secretary: O. B. Furman. Prelate: Paul McDonald.

Following the installation ceremony five new members were initiated. Then the members repaired to the club rooms in the Casino building where roast pig was served. The King Bee quartette furnished music for the occasion.

Darr Mine Inquest January 15, GREENSBURG, Jan. 11.—(Special) Coroner C. A. Winn announced last night that the inquest into the Darr mine disaster will be held at Smith town January 15 and 17.

Library Open on Sundays
The Carnegie Free Library will be open on Sundays hereafter from 2 to 5 in the afternoon.

Frank Curtis' Stable Horses and Equipment Go Up in Smoke.

CAUSE OF THE FIRE UNKNOWN.

Connellsville and New Haven Fire Departments on the Scene Though Only One Plug Was Available. Loss Partly Covered by Insurance.

The green house and stable of Frank Curtis on Fifth street New Haven were destroyed by fire at an early hour Saturday entailing a loss of over \$3,000 partially covered by insurance. The cause of the blaze is unknown. Some reports are to the effect that a stove in the conservatory became overheated. Curtis is a horticulturist and the cause of the fire was first discovered by Mrs. Curtis. It was then blazing in the green house near the stable. Efforts were made to stop the fire but it spread to the stable. The fire department was called and an alarm was sounded. In the Connellsville side of the river. Both companies reached the scene at the same time and by that time the flames had gained such headway that they were beyond control.

Only one plug was available and the New Haven firemen employed to stop the fire. The water pressure was low and the water plug was inoperative. The fire was then fought with buckets and hoses. The fire was finally brought under control.

Two wagons, a buggy and a sleigh were also destroyed. They were in the stable. Considerable damage was also done to the plants in the green house. Curtis is a local business dealing in green goods using the wagons for his purpose.

The blaze attracted many persons to the scene and there was much excitement for a time. The fire was finally extinguished and the blaze was confined to these buildings.

WISE DEBATERS

Over a New Haven Debate Half an Education Is No Better Than None at All

The regular semi-monthly meeting of the Clifton Literary Society of the High School was held on Friday afternoon. The program was well developed and the various classes were well represented. The debate resolved that half an education is better than none at all was decided by the judges in favor of the negative. The debaters were affirmative: Miss Frances Rhodes, negative: Miss Katharine Rindman.

The following officers were installed for the ensuing month: President: Miss Cora Bess Stuffer. Vice President: Miss Frances Rhodes. Secretary: Miss Katharine Rindman. Treasurer: George McElhenny. Chorister: Miss Bella Cohen. Critic: Clarence Hooper. Marshal: Cecil Smith. Atoner: Miss Florence Patterson. Music: was furnished by Misses Helen Stuffer, Virginia Herbert and Miss C. W. Simpson.

WILL VOTE ON AN INCREASE OF \$25,000 IN INDEBTEDNESS.

New Haven Council Passes Ordinance Putting Matter Up to Citizens at the Spring Election.

LOSE BABY GIRL

Adelaide Daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Towzey Is Dead

Adelaide, the 11 months old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Towzey died at 11 o'clock Sunday afternoon of a brief illness. The child died as a result of a severe attack of whooping cough.

Owing to the illness of Mrs. Towzey funeral services which will be held at 3 o'clock tomorrow afternoon will be private. The child will be interred in Hill Grove Cemetery.

CUTTERS COLLIDE.

Councilman William McCormick Had a Narrow Escape from Injury Friday Night

A serious accident with narrow and almost miraculous escapes occurred on South Pittsburg street Friday night when the house and cutter driven by Grover C. Gwynn crashed into that of Councilman William McCormick. Although McCormick and others in the neighborhood yelled their protest to the driver of the cutter, it did not stop and the accident could not be averted. The horse hit McCormick and the horse hit McCormick's car, which was badly damaged. McCormick escaped injury but his car was damaged.

Accompanying Gwynn was a young lady. She was thrown over the dashboard when the crash came but fell to the ground unharmed. Gwynn's horse was so badly hurt that it was killed.

There were many witnesses to the crash. David Long and M. J. More were driving ahead of McCormick. They called to Gwynn to watch where he was driving and at the same time pulled into the curb. Gwynn's horse barely grazed their cutter. Mr. McCormick's cutter was almost completely destroyed. No arrests will follow the affair for Gwynn admitting his error agreed to settle with McCormick for the damage but was done.

PHILO OFFICERS

Of the Connelville High School Literary Society Were Elected Friday Afternoon

The following officers were elected Friday afternoon at the regular meeting of the Philo Literary Society of the High School. President: Henry A. Vice President: Louis Good. Secretary: John Thomas. Treasurer: Miss Marion E. Chorister: Bennett. Marshal: Edgar Powell. Atoner: Miss Margaret B. Bennett.

The program featured was a most interesting one and the various classes were well represented. The paper was an interesting feature and was read by Miss Emma Hargrett.

The subject of the debate was resolved that suffering should be desired the victims of the South. The debaters were affirmative: Louis Goodman and Lewis Lewis. Negative: Ruth Miller and Margaret Bennett. The question was decided in favor of the affirmative.

NOT TO PROSECUTE.

Westmoreland School Directors Change Plans on Tax Suit

GREENSBURG, Jan. 9.—The committee of the Westmoreland County School Directors Association authorized at the last annual convention to prosecute the County Commissioners for alleged derelictions in tax valuation in which favoritism was only charged yesterday issued a letter to the members of the Association announcing that all plans for prosecution were off.

NEW HAVEN SCHOOLS

Attendance for the Last Month Was Good

The report of the New Haven schools was given out yesterday at a meeting by Principal H. George Nye. There was an enrolment of 95 in the attendance of 91 during the month of the term. The report of the attendance is considered good for the year. The report of the attendance is considered good for the year.

Installed Officers

DAWSON, Jan. 11.—There was a joint installation of officers of the W. of A. Camp No. 103 at the Royal Neighbors of America, Camp No. 483 last night in the Puffin hall.

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TWO REMARKABLE CURES OF ECZEMA

Over Twenty-three Years Ago Baby had Severe Attack—Years Later Grandfather Suffered Torments with the Disease—Virulent Sores Developed from Knees to Toes.

BOTH OWE COMPLETE RECOVERY TO CUTICURA

"In 1894 my grandson a babe had an attack of eczema, and after being treated by doctors to the extent of heavy bills and an increase of the disease and suffering I tried CUTICURA. I was well. He is now a strong man and has not had eczema since."

"A few years ago I contracted eczema, and became an invalid. I was treated by doctors to the extent of heavy bills and an increase of the disease and suffering I tried CUTICURA. I was well. He is now a strong man and has not had eczema since."

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BLOWN OUT SHOT CAUSED DISASTER

Opinion of Chief Inspector
Paul Relative to the Monongah Explosion.

SO TESTIFIES AT THE INQUEST

Pennsylvania Mine Inspectors' Report
Is Submitted to the Jury After Some
Discussion—West Virginia Inspectors
Recapitulate After Investigation.

The coroner's inquiry and investigation of the Monongah disaster closed Monday evening, and the jury met yesterday to begin the consideration of the evidence, which covers nearly 1,000 pages of type written paper. Chief Mine Inspector J. W. Paul of West Virginia was the last witness to testify. He gave his opinion of the explosion as attributed to a blow-out shot in the third left entry off the second north face in No. 8. The run-away trip was only a remarkable coincidence.

Just before the investigation closed and while Mr. Paul was still upon the stand, the matter of introducing as evidence the report of Inspectors Ross, Adams and Roby of the Pennsylvania Department of Mines was discussed. As is known the three inspectors who made this report were unable to be present at the investigation. On this account and for other reasons the attorneys for the Fairmont Coal Company objected to admitting the report, but finally after the coroner had ruled the report out, the company withdrew its objections and allowed the jury the privilege of reading the document. It is understood that the report criticizes the use of mining machines equipped with chain drives on account of their tendency to create dust. The inspectors attributed the explosion to dust with the point of origination in Mine No. 8.

The joint report of the West Virginia inspectors is as follows:
FAIRMONT, W. Va., Jan. 2, 1908.
Hon. James W. Paul, Chief of Department of Mines:

Dear sir:—In compliance with the state law, we do hereby submit the following report of the disastrous explosion which occurred December 8, 1907, in the Monongah Nos. 4 and 8 mines, operated by the Fairmont Coal Company.

After a careful and thorough examination of these mines, we find them dry and the principal part of the coal was being mined by electric chain machinery, which created a large quantity of coal dust, and this being conveyed to all conceivable parts of the mine by a large velocity of air, and under these conditions we think this explosion was caused by coal dust. The probable point of origination we believe to be at the face of the third left entry off second north in No. 8 mine, which was followed by a series of explosions throughout the mines. We arrived at this conclusion because of the conditions existing, which are as follows:

This entry was exceedingly dry and dusty. A shot at the face of the entry had been fired, four feet eight inches of the hole remaining. Two feet eight inches of the hole had blown down; two feet of the remaining was in the solid coal and was practically a blown out shot.

A shot had been fired in room 23, which room was 25 feet deep, the coal being down. The bodies of the men who had worked at or near the third of this heading were found at mouth of rooms 20 and 21. Five of these bodies were found at the mouth of room 20 and two at the face of said room. Six bodies were also found in the neck of room 21. The findings of these bodies at these points would indicate that they had retired there while their shots were being fired. The evidence in this entry is conclusive that the force came from the face toward the second north entries, which is fully demonstrated by the rounded corners of the coal on the inby exposures. A motor and trip of 12 loaded cars at 18 and 19 rooms seemed to have offered resistance to the force, diverting it into the rooms above the trip, where it appears to have been supplied with additional force coming out of said rooms, demolishing said cars against the north side of the entry.

At the mouth of this third left on the second north entry there was every indication that the force divided at this point, going toward each mine, as shown by the rounded corners of the ribs and bent switch lever. Other places in the mine show evidence of a series of explosions having originated therein, viz:

First, No. 22 room on the first left off second north entry shows indications of gas having been limited. The conditions at the face show the effect of great heat over the roof and sides

only half way down to the pavement. In the roof at rear end of a machine standing on the right hand rib there existed a large cavity where gas might have accumulated and which might have been ignited by the machine men setting rear jack. The machine truck was thrown across the track from the face and the indications show that the force traveled right and left through the track in No. 22 room toward No. 24 room and debris being thrown through break-through toward No. 21 room; the force continuing its course down the lower rooms toward the mouth of the entry. A trip of loaded cars with motor attached standing on the entry at Nos. 16 and 17 rooms were thrown against the north rib of entry indicating that the force had been reflected in said rooms.

Second, At the face of the main north airway, approaching the third entries a serious disturbance occurred which seemed to be due to an overcharged shot. The man working at this place was literally torn to pieces and the tracks torn up and strewn along down the entry toward the mouth. This man was probably standing in the last break-through near the face of the line of force. Judging from the conditions as to the mutilated body of a man, the direction of the wreckage, etc., it would be reasonable to conclude that the force had its origin in these entries, but upon following the course outward we came in contact with evidence of greater force coming from other directions.

Third, On second right entry off first south in mine No. 8, a trip of cars with a motor was badly wrecked at 26 and 27 rooms. The indications were conclusive that the force wrecking this trip came out the entry.

In 31 room, which was only driven in off an entry about 12 feet, on the extreme left of the face was a drill hole which was improperly placed, having been fired, three feet nine inches of the hole remaining. A man was found in this room.

Regress below this point show evidence of intense heat and charred dust.

Nowhere in the two mines was such great heat in evidence as in rooms on this entry.

At time of exploring the mines after the explosion, we found fire damp in several places in these mines, but only found it after the ventilation was restored in the third north heading and sixth left air course off E face entry. A large piece of concrete had been in part of the overcast at the junction of the first south with mine entries, which was carried by the explosion on the inward the second right entry off the first south, which was evidence that the explosion had gone in that direction.

The condition of each of the three places would warrant the opinion that the initial explosion may have occurred in either. But upon tracing the direction of the forces we are met by evidences of greater forces moving in one general direction along the main headings.

This is not the case at the mouth of third left off second north, where, as heretofore mentioned, the evidence goes to show that the force coming out of the third left divided, part going to No. 8 mine and the other to No. 8. The switch lever at the mouth of fourth left off second north and spread rail are bent toward No. 6 mine.

The post which supported the door separating the two mines was found standing in such position that no force could have thrown it toward No. 6 without breaking it, while the least force exerted would have thrown it toward No. 8 mine. This evidence we deem conclusive that the force of the explosion traveled from No. 8 mine into No. 6 mine.

The force traveling in its course, being reinforced, creating a series of explosions throughout No. 6 mine, which was more pronounced in the following sections:

At the face of E face entry a body was blown to fragments and all other indications were those of a violent force here, which continued on its course to the mouth of H face and up G face heading, where it gained additional force, and returning down G face entry, thence down third, second and first right entries off G face, through room connections to the face of E face heading, where evidence existed of violent force, evidently it was reinforced at head of sixth left off E face, causing terrific force to go down to and out E face entry, as evidenced by the dismembered and mutilated bodies of men and animals found in E face and the demolished cars, and the destruction of the overcasts at the mouth of the butt headings and the overcast at the junction of the main entry.

The forces coming out of E face joining with the force coming down the main entries continued its course on out the headings and airways, exhausting itself in the left hand workings, intake and outlet airways.

THE CONNELLVILLE COKE TRADE.

Summary for the Week Ending Saturday,
January 11, 1908.

Estimated Production in Tons of 2,000 Pounds.				
Districts.	Ovens.	In Blast.	Out Blast.	Tons.
Connellsville.	23,800	9,021	14,366	85,615
Lower O'ville.	12,248	5,054	7,174	58,781
Total.	36,048	14,115	22,040	142,396

Shipments in Cars and Points of Distribution.				
District.	Pittsburg.	West.	East.	Total.
Connellsville and Lower O'ville.	2,734	1,926	491	5,151

Summary for the Week Ending Saturday,
January 4, 1908.

Estimated Production in Tons of 2,000 Pounds.				
Districts.	Ovens.	In Blast.	Out Blast.	Tons.
Connellsville.	23,778	7,991	15,784	77,611
Lower O'ville.	11,957	4,616	7,341	51,227
Total.	35,735	12,610	23,125	128,838

Shipments in Cars and Points of Distribution.				
District.	Pittsburg.	West.	East.	Total.
Connellsville and Lower O'ville.	2,364	2,434	478	5,276

We are of the opinion that the trip of loaded cars which broke away and ran down the slope was merely a coincidence with the explosion and bore no relation, as it could have caused only a slight compression of the air.

A thorough examination of the wreckage of the runaway trip and the surroundings at this point fails to disclose any evidence that the explosion originated at this point.

In our judgment, dust being the principal factor in the fearful explosion, causing great loss of life and destruction of property, we believe that the leading out of the dust so far as practicable, and the keeping of all parts of mine well watered, especially at and near the working faces, would minimize the probability of any explosion. And by the adoption of safety explosives, the danger of an explosion would become less probable.

It is an undisputed fact that the condition of a mine as to moisture is governed largely by atmospheric conditions and temperature, a mine which during the summer months may be moist throughout, by sudden lowering of the temperature, becomes dry, especially where large volumes of air circulate through the mine, and in the absence of mechanical wetting of the mine.

The ventilation in these mines was provided by two large fans propelled by steam and concrete overcasts and stoppings, was in our judgment generally good throughout both mines and the system and modern plans of the mines were of the best and second to none in the State.

EMPLOYERS' ACT.

Senator Knox Introduces Another Bill
in Senate.

Senator P. C. Knox of Pennsylvania introduced a bill in the Senate January 7 intended to cover the objections to the employers' liability bill raised by the Supreme Court in its decision rendered the day before. The new bill makes every common carrier engaged in interstate commerce liable for damages to employees injured in its service or to the relatives dependent on such employees in case of death due to carelessness of the fellow employees or to faults in machinery or other ways.

To the jury is given the power to determine the measure of contributory negligence, if any be shown; but the fact of contributory negligence being shown shall not bar recovery. The bill provides that the fact that the employee is a member of a relief or insurance society to which the carrier may be a contributor shall not bar the action, but the amount thus contributed by the carrier because of such membership may be pleaded as a set-off. The limit of time for bringing action is fixed at one year.

MAKING IMPROVEMENTS

At the Schoenberger Mine of the Pittsburgh-Westmoreland Co.

The Pittsburgh & Westmoreland Coal Company has acquired the Patterson farm, adjoining Donora, and have started cutting an entry which will connect with the Schoenberger mine. It will take about five weeks to complete the entry and will afford easy access to and from the mine for the 250 employees.

The new entry will cut off a long distance that the men are now compelled to walk to their work. A new Clifford fan is also being installed and the West Electric Company is installing electrical equipment.

Miners' Convention.

The annual convention of the United Mine Workers of the Pittsburgh district opened in Pittsburgh yesterday. President Francis Feehan is presiding and will probably be re-elected. The majority of the delegates are in favor of reaffirming the wage scale of 1906, and favor the interstate agreement, although it is said the operators will oppose the latter.

Maryland Coal Sold.

The Penn-Garrett Coal Company, composed of Philadelphia capitalists, have sold their holdings near Friendsville, Garrett county, Md., to the Western Maryland Coal & Coke Company, a corporation with a \$1,000,000 capital. The price paid is said to be \$300,000. Development of the property on a large scale is announced.

LAW ENFORCEMENT

And Not New Legislation
Required to Prevent
Mine Disasters

OPINION OF O. W. KENNEDY

Careless and Negligent Operation of
Mines Greatest Danger to Be Feared—No New Laws Required if Proper
Ones Are Observed.

Machine mining without proper precautions, electric wires not properly insulated, rather than imperfections in the laws, are to be blamed for coal mine disasters is the opinion of O. W. Kennedy, General Manager of the Great Coke Company of Uniontown, formerly General Superintendent of the H. C. Frick Coke Company, and one of the most experienced operators in Western Pennsylvania.

Mr. Kennedy says that the causes of the recent terrible mine disasters are not, in his opinion, hard to determine. If this is the case, he argues, the remedy should not be difficult to apply. The conditions prevailing in the coal mining fields are practically the same from Maryland to Maine. Speaking of machine mines, he told of an experience when he (stated a mine on the Youghiogheny river a few years ago.

"I saw in operation there," said Mr. Kennedy, "an electric mining machine, one of 20 hp. service. The dust from that machine was so thick I could not see six feet away. We all had open lights and the place was lit by electric light with black powder, but that dust was the real fire article. It was carried by the ventilating current along the rooms and entries, bottom, roof and sides, the atmosphere of the mine generally was charged with it.

"Now consider for a moment that the mines where accidents have occurred are machine mines, therefore they have coal dust. In blasting they use black powder or dynamite, or both. They have naked electric wires, they have gas and they have open miners' lamps. Can you think of any other dangerous condition that would add to the hazard? I really cannot add any other danger unless it would be to distribute dynamite along the haulage roads."

Mr. Kennedy declared the present laws governing mining in Pennsylvania are not bad, though they might be improved upon. Recent accidents could not be charged to the existing laws, though possibly to inefficient enforcement of the laws, he said, adding that provisions in these laws distinctly prohibit the use of naked miners' lamps, which are sufficient quantities of explosives or generators to cause explosions. In all mines where locked safety lamps are used the use of electric power is positively prohibited, unless the wires are so protected and the machinery so enclosed as to prevent the exposure of sparks of any kind.

Getting down to the making coal fields of Westmoreland and Fayette counties, Mr. Kennedy said the tonnage of coal mined here is as large if not larger, than that of the Pittsburgh district. Mining machinery is not in use, as the coal is soft and more easily mined by the pick. It does not go into the open market, but direct to the coke oven, and hence its size is not important. Shooting coal is not generally done, except in the lower Fayette county fields, where the vein is slightly harder. In mines where shooting is done, there are no flaming explosives used, such as black powder and dynamite, but a safety explosive. Practically not a flaming one is used. Such conditions have permitted the shooting, without accident, of coal within a few feet of gas in a mine.

Under such conditions, Mr. Kennedy said, that to place restriction on these mines such as those have proposed would cause incalculable damage, at least if he judges the propositions thus far made public are right. He declares, the statement that coal dust explodes whether gas is in it or not is possibly true, but he is still to be convinced of this. Other experienced operators

agree with him, saying coal dust, such as exists in mines, would not explode unless there was also present with it the usual dusty mine gas.

Finally, Mr. Kennedy said that the main points to be considered from a practical and sane standpoint are mine ventilation and the rigid enforcement of laws compelling the use of safety lamps in all mines where there is gas, and especially where machines are used. Dust, merely conceals the presence of gas in many mines and it is not discovered until the explosion occurs.

A suggestion has been made among the coal men that the proposed legislation inquiry into recent mine disasters be based first upon the question whether existing laws governing mining are not sufficient if properly enforced, and then to determine the actual causes of recent accidents. The whole subject is being taken up by the coal operators and coke manufacturers of Western Pennsylvania and proposed legislation concerning mining operations is to be carefully watched. Good laws, the operators say, are always wanted and earnestly desired. Well meant but impractical, harmful and even pernicious laws are worse than none and generally may be expected to accomplish just the opposite to what is intended.

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BRIQUET FUEL.

Demonstration of New Invention Is
Made at Harrisburg.

An exhibition was given January 7 in the boiler room of the Commonwealth Hotel, Harrisburg, of the Drawbaugh patent briquet, designed to take the place of coal, invented and patented by Daniel Drawbaugh of Milltown, Cumberland county, inventor of the fuel made into briquets. The fuel is made into pieces of a size larger than the coal and burns with a fierce heat that is said to surpass that given out by coal, leaving as ashes a dust like substance.

It is not yet on the market but plants will be placed in Harrisburg and Philadelphia where the briquets will be manufactured and sold at prices much less than coal, possibly \$4 and \$4.50 a ton. At present the briquets used for exhibition purposes are made at the test plant at Altoona. The fuel can be used in building a fire the same as ordinary coal, and ignites as readily. The exhibit is being made by the Drawbaugh Artificial Fuel Company, of which J. C. Ewing is President; Dr. R. B. Gamble Vice President, and S. P. Eby, Secretary and Treasurer.

BILLS TO AID MINERS.

Maryland Senator Proposes Fund for
Families of Those Killed.

Among the bills in the interest of Western Maryland's mining industry which will be introduced at this session of the Legislature is one by Senator John D. Shannon to establish a contingent fund for the protection of the families of miners killed in the mines. It is proposed to levy a tax of a few mills on each ton of coal mined, the coal companies to pay the tax and the family of each miner killed to receive \$2,000. So far as is known, the coal companies will not oppose the bill.

A bill is also to be introduced by Senator Shannon calling for an appropriation for the establishment of a State hospital for miners at some point in Allegany county.

Injunction Dissolved.

The State Supreme Court filed a decision involving Henry A. Beck's injunction against the Berwind-White Coal Mining Company. The decision holds that the facts complained of, if true, are not without remedy in law. Beck sued to restrain Berwind-White from damaging the surface of his farm by improper mining methods. Abraham C. Weaver's victorious settlement with Berwind-White seemed to bring a number of similar actions, the latest being filed by Adam Baumgardner, also of the Seely Level region, but the Supreme Court's decision will probably tend to discourage the popularity of these actions.

To Build Long Sidings.

Instead of laying additional tracks the entire distance along Pittsburg district roads this year, as originally was planned, it is proposed to build only long passing sidings.

THE COAL YEAR.

Most Satisfactory Ever Experienced
in the Trade.

The anthracite year 1907 ended with the maximum production, maximum consumption and sales, minimum stocks, satisfactory prices and all but perfect conditions on a satisfactory basis until a year from next April. There is no other great industry which can equal its record for profit and general satisfactory conditions in the year just closed. The coal out to market was more than 67,000,000 tons and probably 9,000,000 tons more were consumed about the mines. There was hardly a week when there was not a full demand, and in the latter part of the same year there was a premium on some states. The leading companies taxed collieries to the utmost to get the necessary coal, and failed even in the midsummer months.

The bituminous trade is at its low point for several years at this season, and operators are quite skeptical as to 1908. The year just closed was phenomenal and until November, enjoyed unequalled prosperity. During the summer the trade was at its height and prices for the cheapest grades soared to \$2 at the mines. Towards the close of October the financial depression began to manifest its effect through curtailment of industrial activity, and what promised to be the greatest year in the history of the trade may prove merely the equal of 1906. Early in December production for 1907 was estimated at approximately 360,000,000 tons, but it is probable now that it did not exceed 350,000,000 tons, which is three times greater than 1891 and five times as large as 1865.

Never in recent years has the industry enjoyed such prospective as last year. Labor was paid on the highest basis it has ever received, and there were no strikes in the Middle or Eastern districts. Deliveries were larger and the movement to tide water the largest on record. The tonnage of the Pennsylvania railroad was 55,457,332 tons, compared with 19,711,088 in 1906. The trade enters the new year with absolutely no demand, and it is almost impossible to make a price. Shipments are at the lowest ebb, the Pennsylvania carrying 45,000 tons over the line west of Pittsburgh this week, whereas through November and December more than 1,200,000 tons per week were carried to tide water. The only coal of consequence moving is for contracts, and what inquiries there are, are quoted at \$1.15 to \$1.20 at the mines for the better grades.

NEW COAL ROAD.

Pennsylvania Pushing Its New Line
Into Washington County.

Pennsylvania railroad officials expect to have the new coal road through Washington county in operation some time next month, and arrangements are being made with coal companies to handle the output of the mines in that district and the new mines to be opened next year. Work on the connecting link was started last summer and good progress was made until a few weeks ago. Since that time the weather conditions have not been favorable and, as a result, there has been some delay in completing the line. At the time construction work was started mine operators were advised that the new railroad would be completed by the middle of December. Structural material was not delivered on scheduled time, and this also delayed work. It is said that all the building material has now been delivered and the line is to be completed as quickly as possible.

The new road will connect the Monongahela Division of the Pennsylvania and the Panhandle. It will be about 15 miles long, and only high grade material is being used in its construction. While passenger service is to be installed later, the road is being built chiefly to handle the enormous tonnage originating at the mines of the Jones & Laughlin Steel Company and the new mines of the Pittsburgh-Beckwith Coal Company. A few months ago the latter announced plans for the development of coal land underlaid with about 150,000,000 tons of coal.

It is likely that the new road will be operated as a part of the Monongahela Division, and will be included in the lines under the management of Superintendent A. G. Mitchell.

Roads Ask Delay.

The coal carrying roads required to dispose of their output by before May 1 next have presented a proposition to the Attorney General, looking to the postponement of the transfer. They represent that, owing to financial stringency, they will be required to sacrifice their property.

Stripping Coal Beds.

The opening of a monster stripping new process at Colerain, near Hazleton, will bring much prosperity to Meadown and Jeannette. The A. S. VanVelsk estate is opening up the monster coal beds and will have them laid bare by April 1 of this year.

PRODUCTION WAS MUCH STRONGER

Gradual Improvement in Coke
Trade Follows Firing of
Furnaces.

PRICES ARE EXTREMELY LOW

Offerings of as Low as \$1.60 for Excellent Coke, and Some Contracts Are Made at \$1.80—Seems Like Sacrifice to the Operators.

Coke production last week was much better than for many previous weeks, a gradual development in the trade being generally noted, and especially in the operation of the H. C. Frick Coke Company's plants. The Corporation furnaces that have been blown in during the past week began using the fuel, and it is said that none of the furnaces have any large amount of stock coke on hand, which gives rise to the belief that there will be a continuous movement of coke from this time on, with a gradual increase in consumption and production. Practically all the plants of the Frick company operated on a full five day run last week, something that has not occurred very regularly for the past two months.

But the prices quoted for the fuel are extremely low, and independent operators are complaining over the shattered prices. Some good coke makers in the independent class last week were offered down as low as \$1.60 for furnace. Others entered contracts at \$1.80, but \$1.75 seems to be the figure that all the contract coke is being sold at. It is a foregone conclusion among the independent operators that something unusual will have to happen to the trade if anything like good prices are to be had during the year. Operators who have paid high prices for coking coal and spent large amounts in equipment, besides having higher taxes to pay, feel very much like it was a sacrifice to allow their coke to go for anything less than \$2.10. The reduction in wages will add materially in getting a larger profit out of the close margin, as it will probably average 10 cents per ton in the cost of production. This makes a difference, but it doesn't near close the gap between the prices now prevailing and those received a year ago.

The list for the week shows an excellent gain for the number of ovens in blast and also that the Frick Coke Company has added two additional plants to the Lower Connellsville region. Rocco has been operated for a number of years as a coal shipping plant, but now has 150 ovens. Dearth is an entirely new plant and 125 ovens have been completed and fired. Phillips was fired some time ago, and Collier, the fourth of the big plans projected early last year, will be ready to go into blast early in the spring. In the Connellsville region additions have been made to the Carolyn plant of the Connellsville Coke Company and Elbereth of the Unity Connellsville Coke Company.

COKE PLANT PLANNED.

Southern Company Will Expend About
\$150,000 or More.

The Bristol Gas & Electric Company of Bristol, Tenn., will expend \$125,000 to \$150,000, beginning the first of the year, in the installation of a large coke manufacturing plant in Bristol. As the gas generated in the course of manufacturing coke in the coke fields cannot be utilized, the purpose of erecting the plant is to save this by-product, which will be used under the boilers of several 500-horse power turbine engines that will be installed to furnish electricity for power purposes. The company also promises very cheap gas. This method is now being used in several large cities.

Nasiri Mine to Reopen.

After a thorough examination of the Nasiri mine by engineers of the United Coal Company, they pronounce the plant practically uninjured. This report refers particularly to the inside workings, the slope having been particularly wrecked. The mine can be restored to first-class condition by the outlay of \$25,000.

Foundry Company Charter.

The Keystone Steel Foundry Company has been chartered to operate at Avondale, Westmoreland county. It has a capital of \$175,000, \$75,000 of which is held by Joseph H. Sawyer, whose foundry was placed in the company.

Wants Mining Commission.

Governor Harris of Ohio, in his message to the Legislature a few days ago, pointed out the need of a mining commission to make mining laws for the State.

NATIONAL GLASS BRICK CO. TO ERECT A LARGE FACTORY.

Experimental Tests on Johnston-Gallagher Farm Prove Very Successful and Brick Already in Demand.

WHAT IS CLAIMED FOR BRICK

C. B. Lawton Discusses Its Qualities and Advantages—Company Has Ten Acres of Ground Upon Which to Erect Their Plant.

At the experimental stage and up to a point where it is recognized by architects, engineers and builders of all kinds, the glass brick is one of the most wonderful discoveries of the age, and one that is destined to make Connellsville more famous and its inventor a fortune. The National Glass Brick Co., which has an experimental factory on the Johnston-Gallagher farm near Trotter, promises to be one of the great industries of the coke region. Charles B. Lawton of Pittsburgh is the inventor of the glass brick, and he spent many years in perfecting his invention. The company is composed of J. N. M. Shimer, President, Philadelphia. He is also a Director in the Dunbar Furnace Company. Regional Palmer, Treasurer, Dunbar; Charles R. Lawton, Secretary, Pittsburgh, and the following Directors: E. M. Hukill, Pittsburgh, and E. E. Fulmer, Pittsburgh.

The company was induced to locate on the Johnston-Gallagher farm through the solicitation of the Baltimore & Ohio Railroad Company, represented by G. W. Diederer, through whom 10 acres of the ground were secured, and also for the reason that the land needed in the manufacture of the brick can be secured very cheaply at Dunbar and conveyed at low cost to the works.

In locating the plant on the tract the members of the company also took into consideration the transportation facilities. The B. & O. tracks bound the east line, the P. & L. E. tracks on the west, and deliveries by the P. & L. E. are made on the P. & L. E. tracks, affording the very best shipping facilities.

Another reason that caused the company to choose its location here was the idea that in the territory hundreds of boys and girls could be secured for the plant, to work in the packing and decorating departments. These departments alone will give work to hundreds when the company has its details completed and the factory running, and here, according to the belief of Mr. Lawton, the inventor, was a rare opportunity to secure the needed labor. Besides studying the secret of making glass bricks, Mr. Lawton has also studied the social problems of the day and he is thoroughly convinced that children of foreign parents are not following in the footsteps of their fathers and becoming coke workers and miners. He says the majority of them are endeavoring to leave the beaten path.

Glass brick has always been a dream with architects, but as close as they ever approached was the manufacture of enameled brick. Mr. Lawton has spent many years in perfecting his brick, first embodying his idea in a mold from which a brick of lead was cast as a study, and from this modest beginning a mold was perfected that made the first glass brick from glass that was borrowed from the McBeth-Evans factory at Charlevoix at night after the works had closed. Eleven bricks were cast the first night, of which four remained free of cracks after being annealed. Although each brick cost the inventor \$91, he considered it a good beginning. On the casting of the last brick the mold broke and was superseded by a model which is now being used to turn out the finished brick that are on display in the company's building, and which have been examined and pronounced perfect by hundreds of brick experts. The inventor was spurred on by the encouragement given him and was assured that if he could make bricks on a commercial basis he would have an unlimited field that would require an immense factory.

Bricks on a commercial basis meant pure white or colored bricks of uniform shade sufficiently low in price as to compete with marble and enameled brick, and of sufficient quality to withstand all atmospheric changes, besides being able to stand an enormous crushing weight. The inventor made an exhaustive study of the strength of glass and was delighted to learn that glass possessed a crushing strength three times greater than that of granite, 10 times that of concrete, 25 times that of rubble masonry, 10 times that of brick, six to eight times that of sandstone and four to five times that of limestone. Then he began the effort to learn if the brick could be manufactured on a commercial basis, and this resulted in the establishment of an experimental plant on September 1. Scarcely had this plant been completed until one of the leading railroads of the country sent an order for the brick, which is now on file with many others in the company's office. The inventor nor the company did not know that the purchaser had ever seen the brick, but he later learned that it passed through all chemical and engineering departments and was pronounced perfect. The commercial basis had been reached. The glass brick prices are based upon the schedule of prices for enameled

brick. A recent demonstration was made in the manufacture of the brick for the benefit of the officials and stockholders of the company.

Mr. Lawton Thursday afternoon discussed the merits of the glass brick with a representative of The Courier, who inquired as to its advantages and possibilities. He said:

"Every user of enameled brick knows that its weakness lies in the fact of its crazing principally. You need only to look at your mantel front to see thousands of fine cracks or crazes, which are the same on all glazed brick or tile, owing to the materials used, clay and glass. A rise in the temperature expands these, but not equally, hence a crack and the same result is found in a lowering temperature. In time the glass is filled with cracks and sometimes they are known to leave each other altogether. Many other instances are common where the coloring in the clay finds its way through the cracks in the glassy surface and stains the surface into undesirable shades. Glass brick will not do this. It will be a perfect and crackless brick where placed in a wall till Gabriel blows his trumpet, and may then echo back the blast to him in that far away time. You think that is hardly to be expected? I tell you when the ruins of Pompeii were dug up after many centuries of covering they found glass in an old glass factory as fresh as the lay the old mountain belched forth and history related the story of the sharp edges that worked on the hands of the excavators. Come with me to your farm house. It has been standing over 75 years. During that period the storms have many times blown the chimney down. The roof and porches have often been blown about, the trees have been torn up by their roots and cows have been blown into neighboring fields, but that pane of glass of about one-sixteenth of an inch in thickness has defied all the storms, and today is as good and as strong as the day it left the factory. Glass is one of the few things that withstands.

"This brick when set up and its opening poured with cement will make the strongest wall on earth. The cement gets harder with age and glass knows no time. I am told by one of the best living engineers that these bricks can be made so as to compete with ordinary finish bricks. This is in the future. We ought to be satisfied to sell as cheap as enameled brick for the present. A brick 10 times as good for the same money is good enough to start with."

"How do you know they will sell?" was asked.

"The largest buyer in the world says, 'Get your stock ready so we can place an order with you.'"

"A score of engineers and architects have said we are ready to specify as soon as you are ready to deliver, and every professional man in the engineering and architectural line that I have shown these bricks to is willing to give us a written opinion on glass brick if we want it."

"How will hard times affect your trade?"

"It is common knowledge that more fine building is done in tight times than in periods of great expansion. During the hard times succeeding 1893 I had all kinds of money to loan at 4 to 5 per cent, and since good times arrived rates are prohibitive for building purposes."

"If your bricks are exposed to extremes of temperature with the cement filling, won't there be some breaking going on?"

"Ah, I forgot to say, before I had my second mold made I had a brick filled with cement filling and submitted it to a testing laboratory, who tested them severely from 150 Fahrenheit above zero to 26 degrees Fahrenheit below zero. They withstood the extremes perfectly. I'm glad you thought of that."

"What do you claim is the greatest use for your brick?"

"Well, all finish surfaces below ground is probably where we stand supreme where water and dampness is to be figured with. When an extra damp season is on or a flood comes like those Pittsburgh gets annually, all surfaces, no matter how prettily finished, are spalled except glass brick. Just wipe the wall with a cloth and it is as pretty as ever with no damage done. For this reason subways, tunnels, cellars and sub-cellars are our chiefest claims of superiority. Yet it must be admitted that surfaces where sanitary effects and beauty combined are sought, we expect a large market, because of the permanency of the surface, and, there being no mortar joint, the surface presented is all glass. This keeps its freshness and glassy surface intact, there being no exposed joints to become loose and gradually leave its place, which makes the appearance of the wall ugly as well as producing an opening for microbe life."

Mr. Lawton then took a brick and broke off a corner, replacing the brick again in the improvised wall.

"Do you see where the chip was broken? It does not show, does it? That is because the glass is the same color all the way through, and when the chip was knocked off it left a glass surface as before. You cannot do

this with either marble or enameled brick. The chip of the former will invite the dust and hold it in and in the latter you will see the clay beneath the coating of glass removed."

It is possible to make any color of brick desired, from bright red to green, and in addition to this it is also possible to manufacture brick with decorations so closely resembling marble and granite that it is hard to detect the imitation at close range. The company contemplates the erection of mantles of varied colored brick resembling marble. These mantles can be erected at the works and shipped ready to be set up in any home, or they can be erected from the small bricks when the structure is built. They are regarded as far superior to any tile ever constructed by builders who have seen them.

The laying of the brick is very easy and no experienced hand will be required. All that is necessary is to get a straight line and keep on laying the brick, pouring in the cement, which securely ties one to the other. The bricks fit one on top of the other and no cement nor mortar is placed between the layers. The cement is within the brick, and the mold is so constructed that each is interlocked and held firmly in place. The brick has already been patented, and the inventor takes especially good care not to divulge any portion of the ingredients that enters into its manufacture nor the devices through which it passes to perfection.

The Weekly Courier \$1.50 a year.

SUIT FOR \$168,000.

It Grows Out of Some Coal Options Taken in Somerset County Back in 1903.

SOMERSET, Pa., Jan. 14.—This morning at 10 o'clock Judge W. Rush Gilman of Chambersburg, Franklin county, began hearing the case in which John O. Rauch of Jermers and W. H. Morris of Johnstown are plaintiffs, and in which Isaiah Good, Norman E. Knepper and D. B. Zimmerman are defendants. The bill in equity was filed in 1901. In 1902 the plaintiffs and the defendants were engaged in talking options and in taking up certain coal lands in Jermers, Quemahoning and Conemaugh townships, Somerset county. The defendants, Messrs. Knepper, Good and Zimmerman, came to Messrs. Rauch and Morris and made an agreement to take up the options in the name of Knepper, Good & Zimmerman. Messrs. Rauch and Morris were not to interfere in any way and were each to receive one-fifth. Later the defendants in this action gave notice to Rauch and Morris to pay their proportionate share of the money necessary to hold the options. The plaintiffs alleged that there was no agreement that they should pay any money, they having discontinued their operations, and refused to pay the money demanded. This suit in equity resulted. The amount claimed by the plaintiffs is \$168,000.

Fahy Certain to Run. John Fahy, District President of the Mine Workers, of Poltsville, will be a candidate for the Republican nomination for Congress. He will be backed by both the Brumm and Leib factions.

LIST OF COKE OVENS IN

The Connellsville District

With Their Owners, Address and Ovens in Blast, Corrected to Saturday, January 11, 1902.

Works.	Operator.	P. O. Address.	Ovens.	In Blast.
Acme.	W. J. Rainey.	New York, N. Y.	262	
Acme.	Penn Coke Co.	Uniontown, Pa.	86	
Adelaide.	H. C. Frick Coke Co.	Pittsburg, Pa.	375	230
Alverton No. 1.	H. C. Frick Coke Co.	Pittsburg, Pa.	252	
Alverton No. 2.	H. C. Frick Coke Co.	Pittsburg, Pa.	164	
Atlas No. 1.	Cambria Steel Co.	Dunbar, Pa.	50	90
Atlas No. 2.	Cambria Steel Co.	Dunbar, Pa.	120	
Atlas No. 3.	Cambria Steel Co.	Dunbar, Pa.	92	
Baggaley.	H. C. Frick Coke Co.	Pittsburg, Pa.	400	300
Beatty.	Mt. Pleasant C. Co.	Greensburg, Pa.	182	100
Bitter.	H. C. Frick Coke Co.	Pittsburg, Pa.	260	
Boyer.	Whitton Coke Works.	Uniontown, Pa.	86	86
Brinkerton.	Mt. Pleasant C. Co.	Greensburg, Pa.	120	
Brush Run.	Hugh Run C. & C. Co.	Mt. Pleasant, Pa.	30	
Buckeye.	H. C. Frick Coke Co.	Pittsburg, Pa.	205	106
Calumet.	H. C. Frick Coke Co.	Pittsburg, Pa.	250	150
Carbide.	Peerless-Con. Coke Co.	Connellsville, Pa.	32	32
Central.	H. C. Frick Coke Co.	Pittsburg, Pa.	303	200
Chester.	E. A. Humphries & Co.	Scottsdale, Pa.	54	50
Clare.	Clare Coke Co.	Greensburg, Pa.	100	
Clawson.	Jas Cochran & Sons.	Pittsburg, Pa.	108	10
Coalbrook.	H. C. Frick Coke Co.	Pittsburg, Pa.	120	
Continental No. 1.	H. C. Frick Coke Co.	Pittsburg, Pa.	400	250
Continental No. 2.	H. C. Frick Coke Co.	Pittsburg, Pa.	328	250
Continental No. 3.	H. C. Frick Coke Co.	Pittsburg, Pa.	300	250
Crossland.	H. C. Frick Coke Co.	Pittsburg, Pa.	333	200
Davidson.	H. C. Frick Coke Co.	Pittsburg, Pa.	120	
Dexter.	J. R. Stauffer & Co.	Scottsdale, Pa.	40	
Dorothy.	H. C. Frick Coke Co.	Pittsburg, Pa.	230	100
Ellen No. 1.	Whitelock Coke Co.	Uniontown, Pa.	40	40
Ellen No. 2.	Whitelock Coke Co.	Uniontown, Pa.	50	30
Elizabeth.	Unity-Con. Coke Co.	Greensburg, Pa.	80	
Elm Grove.	W. J. Rainey.	New York, N. Y.	218	
Empire.	Majestic Coke Co.	Uniontown, Pa.	120	60
Enterprise.	H. C. Frick Coke Co.	Pittsburg, Pa.	48	
Florence.	E. A. Humphries & Co.	Scottsdale, Pa.	30	20
Fort Hill.	W. J. Rainey.	New York, N. Y.	186	
Fracklin.	H. C. Frick Coke Co.	Pittsburg, Pa.	97	
Frick.	Litcomb Coal & Coke Co.	Scottsdale, Pa.	50	50
Gilmore.	H. C. Frick Coke Co.	Pittsburg, Pa.	105	
Grace.	Gilmore C. & C. Co.	Uniontown, Pa.	101	
Hecla No. 1.	W. J. Rainey.	New York, N. Y.	405	
Hecla No. 2.	H. C. Frick Coke Co.	Pittsburg, Pa.	272	210
Hecla No. 3.	H. C. Frick Coke Co.	Pittsburg, Pa.	500	210
Henry Clay.	H. C. Frick Coke Co.	Pittsburg, Pa.	300	
Hester.	H. C. Frick Coke Co.	Pittsburg, Pa.	120	
Homes.	Schaffter & Wiley.	Scottsdale, Pa.	20	
Hostetter.	Hostetter-Con. Coke Co.	Pittsburg, Pa.	355	
Humphreys.	Reverend Coke Co.	Scottsdale, Pa.	100	100
Junction.	Marletta-Gilmer C. Co.	Scottsdale, Pa.	20	20
Junata.	H. C. Frick Coke Co.	Pittsburg, Pa.	300	170
Kyle.	H. C. Frick Coke Co.	Pittsburg, Pa.	500	240
Leisnering No. 1.	H. C. Frick Coke Co.	Pittsburg, Pa.	500	240
Leisnering No. 2.	H. C. Frick Coke Co.	Pittsburg, Pa.	501	240
Leisnering No. 3.	H. C. Frick Coke Co.	Pittsburg, Pa.	305	200
Lehigh.	H. C. Frick Coke Co.	Pittsburg, Pa.	250	100
Lehigh No. 2.	H. C. Frick Coke Co.	Pittsburg, Pa.	350	200
Love.	Conn. Metall. C. Co.	Connellsville, Pa.	310	
Mammoth.	H. C. Frick Coke Co.	Pittsburg, Pa.	32	250
Marquette.	H. C. Frick Coke Co.	Pittsburg, Pa.	400	220
Mary.	Brownell-Con. C. Co.	Pittsburg, Pa.	32	32
Meyers.	H. C. Frick Coke Co.	Pittsburg, Pa.	165	100
Mt. Braddock.	W. J. Rainey.	New York, N. Y.	540	100
Mullen.	H. C. Frick Coke Co.	Pittsburg, Pa.	82	
Mutual.	H. C. Frick Coke Co.	Pittsburg, Pa.	197	
Nellie.	Brown & Cochran.	Pittsburg, Pa.	329	
Olin.	H. C. Frick Coke Co.	Pittsburg, Pa.	252	150
Oliver.	Oliver & Snyder I. S. Co.	Oliver, Pa.	328	328
Oliver No. 2.	Oliver & Snyder I. S. Co.	Oliver, Pa.	480	430
Oliver No. 3.	Oliver & Snyder I. S. Co.	Oliver, Pa.	300	300
Painter.	H. C. Frick Coke Co.	Pittsburg, Pa.	228	
Paul.	W. J. Rainey.	New York, N. Y.	480	100
Pennville.	Pennville Coke Co.	Pennsville, Pa.	110	
Percy.	Percy Mining Co.	Percy, Pa.	90	
Rainey.	W. J. Rainey.	New York, N. Y.	186	
Redstone.	H. C. Frick Coke Co.	Pittsburg, Pa.	445	250
Revere.	H. C. Frick Coke Co.	Pittsburg, Pa.	650	50
Sapper.	Hawling & Byrne.	Scottsdale, Pa.	25	
Semel-Solway.	Dunbar Furnace Co.	Dunbar, Pa.	110	110
Shannon.	Shannon Coke Co.	Uniontown, Pa.	40	
Shirley.	South Fayette Coke Co.	Uniontown, Pa.	36	
Shof.	H. C. Frick Coke Co.	Pittsburg, Pa.	448	
Southwest No. 1.	H. C. Frick Coke Co.	Pittsburg, Pa.	625	240
Southwest No. 2.	H. C. Frick Coke Co.	Pittsburg, Pa.	282	170
Southwest No. 3.	H. C. Frick Coke Co.	Pittsburg, Pa.	203	160
Spring Grove.	Cochran Bros.	Dawson, Pa.	61	
Standard.	H. C. Frick Coke Co.	Pittsburg, Pa.	901	350
Sterling.	H. C. Frick Coke Co.	Pittsburg, Pa.	50	
Stewart.	Stewart Iron Co.	Uniontown, Pa.	155	
Summit.	H. C. Frick Coke Co.	Pittsburg, Pa.	142	
Thomas.	Whitelock Coke Co.	Uniontown, Pa.	40	40
Trotter.	H. C. Frick Coke Co.	Pittsburg, Pa.	121	
Tyrod.	American Coal M. Co.	Pittsburg, Pa.	462	240
United.	H. C. Frick Coke Co.	Pittsburg, Pa.	360	250
Union.	W. J. Rainey.	New York, N. Y.	72	
Valley.	H. C. Frick Coke Co.	Pittsburg, Pa.	251	
Veteran.	Veteran Coke Co.	Greensburg, Pa.	50	
White.	H. C. Frick Coke Co.	Pittsburg, Pa.	200	146
Whitney.	Hostetter-Con. Coke Co.	Pittsburg, Pa.	322	
Wynn.	H. C. Frick Coke Co.	Pittsburg, Pa.	300	200
York Run.	H. C. Frick Coke Co.	Pittsburg, Pa.	420	240
Youngstown.	H. C. Frick Coke Co.	Pittsburg, Pa.	241	160
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Less Degree Than All Other Profes-
sions and Trades—Inhabitants of
Towns Freer From White Plague.

At a tuberculosis exhibit recently held in Philadelphia, a list of a number of the cities in Pennsylvania was shown giving the population, general death rates, and percentage of the total deaths attributable to tuberculosis. The accompanying table has been prepared from this table by arranging the cities under the headings shown as "No Mining Population or Very Little," and "Large Mining Population." It is, of course, impossible to make a strict classification of cities in this way, but by the term "Large Mining Population" we mean a city in which or about which, there are mines, and where a fair part of the population is composed of mine workers. Scranton, for instance, while having many other industries than mining, is naturally classed as a mining city, while Pittsburgh and Allegheny, though surrounded by mining towns, are not strictly themselves mining cities, since in them other industries predominate, and only a very small part of their population is engaged in mining. The first column of figures denotes the population; second column, deaths from all causes; third column, deaths from tuberculosis; fourth column, percentage of all deaths due to tuberculosis:

No Mining Population, or Very Little.			
Allegheny	142,418	2,682	2.53
Allentown	45,557	816	1.78
Altoona	46,571	693	1.48
Carlisle	10,823	125	1.15
Columbia	13,253	154	1.16
Elizabethtown	59,788	928	1.55
Harrisburg	34,897	113	0.32
Lancaster	46,184	618	1.34
McKeesport	42,014	764	1.82
Meadville	11,684	100	0.85
New Castle	25,726	326	1.27
Norristown	25,500	327	1.28
Philadelphia	1,417,082	20,068	1.42
Pittsburgh	344,161	1,268	0.37
Pottsville	13,901	216	1.55
Reading	59,111	1,329	2.25
S. Bethlehem	14,711	194	1.32
Steelton	13,624	222	1.63
Williamsport	29,572	482	1.63

Large Mining Population.			
Carbonade	14,731	281	1.91
Dubois	10,826	125	1.15
Elizabeth	15,477	228	1.48
Johnstown	42,166	626	1.48
Mahoning City	13,614	208	1.53
Mc. Connell	15,644	227	1.45
Pottsville	16,505	320	1.94
Scranton	116,111	2,111	1.82

The figures tabulated are certainly striking, and they supplement the argument given in an editorial in Mines and Minerals for April, 1906. It was then shown that tuberculosis is much less common among coal miners than among other classes of people, and that according to the United States Census statistics, miners and quarry men occupy third place in the scale of tuberculosis mortality, two other occupations only, bankers and farmers being more immune. It was shown also at that time that coal dust antagonizes tuberculosis when already present and that many physicians have treated the disease by inhalation of coal dust. The same fact was shown to have been proven by Dr. Wain right of the Moses Taylor Hospital, Scranton, Pa., in connection with his laboratory experiments made on guinea pigs.

The table given above indicates, however, that not only are miners themselves more immune, but that also all who live in coal mining towns enjoy a similar immunity, at least to a certain degree. The lower death rate from tuberculosis in a city the size of Scranton can scarcely be accounted for by the number of mine workers living in it. For instance, in Scranton only about 10 per cent. of the population is made up of men and boys working in and around the mines. The percentage of the population would not explain the great degree of immunity from tuberculosis shown for the entire population of Scranton as compared with cities of like size but not located in a coal mining region.

It is significant also that the apparent immunity applies equally to towns located in the bituminous regions, although but two of the coal mining towns listed are so situated, namely Dubois and Johnstown.

Statistics in regard to tuberculosis are apt to be misleading and they are at best difficult to secure owing to the roving character of most tuberculosis sufferers.

Just why mining towns are more immune than others is a subject for the medical fraternity and not for the mining profession to investigate. The figures here given, while of course not conclusive, are, however, decidedly interesting and worthy of study.

A coal mining town is in the minds of many a good place to stay away from, especially if we are to judge by the reports constantly published in the metropolitan press. It is therefore refreshing to find that coal towns may have this decided advantage in being more free from the dreaded white scourge than other towns located in distinctly farming or manufacturing districts.

COAL IN WEST VIRGINIA.

Area of 550 Square Miles That Has Not Been Extensively Prospected.

In the midst of the Appalachian coal field in Western Virginia, in that part of the drainage basin of Russell Fork of Big Sandy river which lies in that State, there is an area of 550 square miles in which the coal has not been extensively prospected and concerning which no reports have heretofore been published. In the fall of 1906, however, a reconnaissance survey of the field was made by Ralph W. Stone, geologist of the United States Geological Survey, and Mr. Stone's report on his work has just been published by the Survey in Bulletin No. 316, which forms Part II of "Contributions to Economic Geology, 1908."

The field described by Mr. Stone includes all of Dickenson county, the western part of Buchanan county and the northern part of Wise county. It is a heavily wooded, thinly populated, mountainous district, for the most part made up of steep-sided, narrow-topped ridges, for the most part of any extent in this section of Virginia. Sandy Ridge, which has a general elevation of 3,000 feet, forms the southeastern boundary of the field, and Pine Mountain, of equal elevation on the dividing line between Virginia and Kentucky, forms the northern and western boundaries. The general elevation of the main streams in this region is 1,500 feet, and the lowest point where Russell Fork passes through the Breaks, at the north end of Pine Mountain, is approximately 900 feet above tide.

There is no ready access to this country except on horseback or by wagon road through some gap in the surrounding mountains. The railroads nearest the area are the Clinch Valley division of the Norfolk and Western Railway on the south, and the Big Sandy branch of the Chesapeake & Ohio Railway at Elkhorn City, Ky., on the north.

The undeveloped condition of the coal resources of this region makes it impossible to name and describe the extent of the various coal beds occurring in the field. Many of the coal outcrops are several miles apart, and in the wooded condition of the country, exact correlations cannot be carried over such distances, but Mr. Stone has given an outline of geologic conditions and has described the exposures seen at the prospect trenches and banks and in the natural outcrops. The evidence collected and presented shows conclusively that the area between Sandy Ridge and Pine Mountain is a valuable field of bituminous coal, in all parts of which there is at least one coal bed of mineable dimensions. Doubtless further prospecting will reveal two or more coal beds of workable thickness in many parts of the field. Chemical analyses show that the coals are of high grade, and there is evidence that some if not all of them will coke.

Bulletin No. 316 may be obtained without cost by applying to the Director of the Survey at Washington, D. C.

Application for Charter.
An application has been made for the chartering of the Wharton Coal & Coke Company of Philadelphia. The applicants are Joseph Wharton, J. Bertram Lippincott and Harrison S. Morrison, all of Philadelphia. The company will include the Bonnie works.

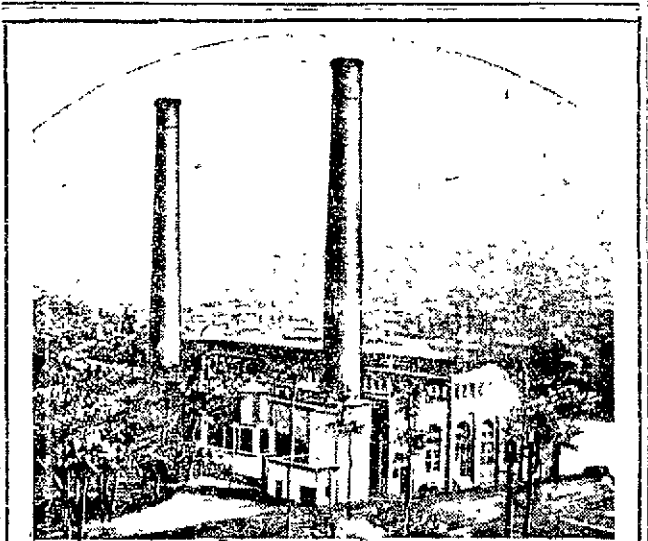
To Fire No. 2 Plant.
The Austen Coal & Coke Company, Austen, W. Va., will fire their No. 2 plant about the middle of next month. They have purchased a Covington coke drawing and loading machine and expect to have it running by the time the ovens are fired.

To Build Coke Plant.
The Preston Coal & Coke Company is erecting 12 eight room houses at its works at Cascade Falls, near Morgantown. Major Blecker of Uniontown is general manager and Uniontown capitalists back of the company.

LIST OF COKE OVENS IN The Lower Connellsville District

With Their Owners, Address and Ovens in Blast, Corrected to
Saturday, January 11, 1908.

Owner	Address	Ovens in Blast
Adams	Adams Coke Co.	Uniontown, Pa. 40
Adams	Adams Coke Co.	Uniontown, Pa. 32
Adams	Adams Coke Co.	Pittsburg, Pa. 183
Adams	Adams Coke Co.	Chester, Pa. 20
Adams	Adams Coke Co.	Uniontown, Pa. 470
Adams	Adams Coke Co.	Pittsburg, Pa. 425
Adams	Adams Coke Co.	Smithfield, Pa. 30
Adams	Adams Coke Co.	Brownsville, Pa. 205
Adams	Adams Coke Co.	Uniontown, Pa. 36
Adams	Adams Coke Co.	Pittsburg, Pa. 500
Adams	Adams Coke Co.	Pittsburg, Pa. 36
Adams	Adams Coke Co.	Pittsburg, Pa. 300
Adams	Adams Coke Co.	Connellsville, Pa. 140
Adams	Adams Coke Co.	Smithfield, Pa. 120
Adams	Adams Coke Co.	Pittsburg, Pa. 188
Adams	Adams Coke Co.	Uniontown, Pa. 412
Adams	Adams Coke Co.	Pittsburg, Pa. 30
Adams	Adams Coke Co.	Uniontown, Pa. 32
Adams	Adams Coke Co.	Uniontown, Pa. 550
Adams	Adams Coke Co.	Wintersburg, Pa. 247
Adams	Adams Coke Co.	Uniontown, Pa. 32
Adams	Adams Coke Co.	Scottsdale, Pa. 32
Adams	Adams Coke Co.	Pittsburg, Pa. 400
Adams	Adams Coke Co.	Masonown, Pa. 50
Adams	Adams Coke Co.	Uniontown, Pa. 50
Adams	Adams Coke Co.	Pittsburg, Pa. 400
Adams	Adams Coke Co.	Pittsburg, Pa. 100
Adams	Adams Coke Co.	Uniontown, Pa. 200
Adams	Adams Coke Co.	Fredericktown, Pa. 200
Adams	Adams Coke Co.	Wintersburg, Pa. 220
Adams	Adams Coke Co.	Pittsburg, Pa. 400
Adams	Adams Coke Co.	Pittsburg, Pa. 516
Adams	Adams Coke Co.	Scottsdale, Pa. 400
Adams	Adams Coke Co.	Pittsburg, Pa. 251
Adams	Adams Coke Co.	Pittsburg, Pa. 195
Adams	Adams Coke Co.	Leetonia, O. 202
Adams	Adams Coke Co.	Pittsburg, Pa. 100
Adams	Adams Coke Co.	Perionville, Pa. 60
Adams	Adams Coke Co.	Newcomer, Pa. 30
Adams	Adams Coke Co.	Uniontown, Pa. 450
Adams	Adams Coke Co.	Pittsburg, Pa. 150
Adams	Adams Coke Co.	Uniontown, Pa. 120
Adams	Adams Coke Co.	Uniontown, Pa. 168
Adams	Adams Coke Co.	Perionville, Pa. 30
Adams	Adams Coke Co.	Uniontown, Pa. 72
Adams	Adams Coke Co.	Uniontown, Pa. 400
Adams	Adams Coke Co.	Uniontown, Pa. 120
Adams	Adams Coke Co.	Pittsburg, Pa. 125
Adams	Adams Coke Co.	Uniontown, Pa. 308
Adams	Adams Coke Co.	Uniontown, Pa. 260
Adams	Adams Coke Co.	Uniontown, Pa. 20
Adams	Adams Coke Co.	Yves, Pa. 160
Adams	Adams Coke Co.	Uniontown, Pa. 120
Adams	Adams Coke Co.	Fairbank, Pa. 200
Adams	Adams Coke Co.	Uniontown, Pa. 150
Adams	Adams Coke Co.	Pittsburg, Pa. 160
Adams	Adams Coke Co.	Pittsburg, Pa. 240
Adams	Adams Coke Co.	Uniontown, Pa. 160
Adams	Adams Coke Co.	Dawson, Pa. 500
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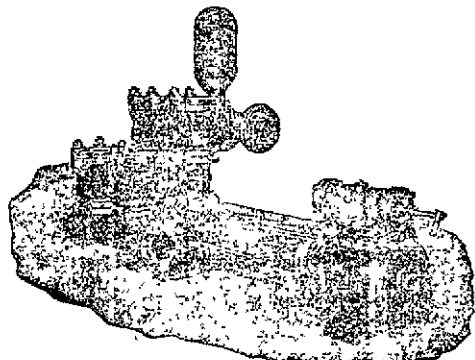
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At the Meetings Which Will Be for the Present Each Saturday Evening at 7:40 O'clock at Star Junction.

STAR JUNCTION, Jan. 11.—The Washington Coal and Coke Company is encouraging an organization recently formed here which has for its object improvement in the methods of its miners. Meetings will be held at stated intervals for the purpose of discussing practical questions and circumstances which come up during a day's work in the mines.

For the present meetings will be held every Saturday evening at 7:30 o'clock. The question to be discussed at this evening's meeting will be "Dust and Gas Accumulations in Working Places and How to Come to Expel Them When There Has Been No Gas Found in the Mine Beforehand." All are invited to join in the discussion. At future meetings similar practical matters will come up. The officers of the new organization are as follows:

President, O. S. Blair; First Vice President, N. B. Lechlitter; Second Vice President, R. M. Pollock; Secretary, Ross Sisley; Assistant Secretary, John Daugherty; Second Assistant Secretary, M. F. Elliott; Treasurer, M. E. Strawn.

EXPERT OPINIONS

Given Operators of Coal Mines at Meeting Held at Washington Hotel Yesterday.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 9.—To consider means for preventing the coal mine disasters such as have shocked the country during the past few months, was the object of a meeting of operators from the West Virginia and Pittsburgh fields held here yesterday. The meeting was held at the New Willard Hotel and was addressed by experts of geological survey and by operators who have given the subject of mine safety great study.

The West Virginia operators were the organizers of this meeting and they invited operators from other districts to participate. It was decided to form an organization of West Virginia coal men and William N. Page of Washington was chosen chairman and Nell Robinson of Charleston, W. Va., secretary. Today a permanent organization will be effected. It is expected that Pennsylvania and other States will form like organizations and that all will work in harmony to the common end.

Committees are to be appointed for research, investigation and dissemination of information and they will cooperate with the officials of the geological survey and other technical departments of the government. It developed at the meeting here that the operators are entirely in the dark as to the cause of mine accidents.

A NEW MAP.

James B. Hogg Will Issue One Shortly of Coke Regions Correct to Date.

James B. Hogg, the Connellsville civil engineer and surveyor, whose maps of the coke regions have become so deservedly popular, will shortly issue a new map brought down to date. The tracings are in blue on white paper. He is prepared to work out special designations in red. The price of the map will be \$1.00, mailed securely in a tube to any address.

It includes the Connellsville and Lower Connellsville regions, with the Geneva and Point Marion fields on the south, and the Greensburg, Ligonier and Ligonier fields on the north. Owing to the great number of new operations during the year many changes and additions have been made. It is the intention of the publisher to issue the map every three months hereafter, bringing it right down to date every quarter.

Believes Only in Gas Explosions.

John Fulton, the noted expert on coal mining and coke making, of Johnstown, Pa., is quoted as saying that there is no evidence to prove that a mine explosion can be caused by fine coal dust. Gas in the mine, and only gas, can cause an explosion. He added that while coal dust might intensify the explosion and make the heat greater, there is nothing in the belief that this in itself could cause a mine disaster.

SEWICKLEY VEIN.

Efforts Being Made to Save This Most Valuable Seam of Fine Steam Coal.

UNIONTOWN, Jan. 10.—An important meeting of coal and coke operators will be held in the court house here February 1 for the purpose of creating a sentiment relative to the protection of the Sewickley vein of coal, considered very valuable by those who have made an investigation into its merits.

The Sewickley vein lies from 80 to 100 feet above the Pittsburgh seam and is from five to six feet thick. It possesses excellent steaming qualities and makes a high grade coke.

Efforts will be made to have operators rule the Pittsburgh seam more carefully in order to prevent the surface from falling in, thus reducing the cost of developing the Sewickley vein. It is estimated that there are 500,000 acres of this coal in this and adjoining counties. E. D. Fulton is the prime mover in the matter.

To Form a New Company.

The Wabash Railroad Company proposes to organize a company, not allied with the railroad interests, to take over its coal holdings in Marion and Morgan counties, W. Va., to comply with the Interstate Commerce Act. The holdings aggregate 25,000 acres.

Company is Chartered. The Hutchinson McCandlish Coal Company has been chartered at Reading, Pa., with a capital of \$50,000. The directors are Lindsay McCandlish of Reading and Chas. E. and Melville L. Hutchinson of Fairmont, W. Va.

Big Mine Closed. For the first time in 10 years the Vesta mine of the Jones & Laughlin Company, near Bellevue, was closed down this week.

Labor World Notes.

A Woman's Socialist Congress, comprising delegates from every part of Germany, has decided to found a servant girls' trade union, while a federated organization of laundresses and charwomen is to be organized to prevent non-unionists among the latter taking the place of the servants in the event of a strike.

A conference is to be held between the officers of the Hat Trimmers' Union and representatives of the United Hatters of North America to pass on the question of permitting more girls to be registered as trimmers. There have recently been so many marriages that the trimming departments in the big factories are crippled.

The Glass Bottle Blowers' Association has a membership of 13,000 and its assets are approaching the \$1,000,000 mark. There has been no strike of the Association for 15 years.

Under the provisions of the ruling of the International Union of Butchers at its last convention, butchers in New York City who pass an examination and demonstrate that they have a knowledge of the business, are granted a diploma from the United Master Butchers of America.

W. R. Trotter, a member of the International Typographical Union in Winnipeg, has gone to Great Britain as the representative of the Dominion Trades Congress in immigration matters. R. P. Pettipiece of Vancouver has succeeded Mr. Trotter as western organizer of the Trades Congress.

The Executive Board of the International Union of Electrical Workers has voted to increase the union's defense fund from \$100,000 to \$1,000,000. The Board also contemplates increasing the death benefit for widows and orphans. An assessment will be made on the locals throughout the United States and Canada to meet the increase.

Boston is the banner union cigar center of the United States. It is said that there isn't in that city one manufacturer of non-union cigars. The output of cigars in Boston has reached the enormous total of 700,000 a day, produced by 25 factories. One firm alone employs over 700 hands.

Labor union meetings places in the State of Colorado are having union-made drinking cups, bearing the "Union" union stamp on them, supplied them by the various organizations. The idea originated with one of the locals in Denver and through the efforts of the Union Label League the movement spread throughout the entire State.

One of the most important matters to come before the annual convention of the Tennessee State Federation of Labor this month will be the child and woman labor questions, in respect to which a conference was held in Memphis recently, attended by employers and representatives of organized labor.

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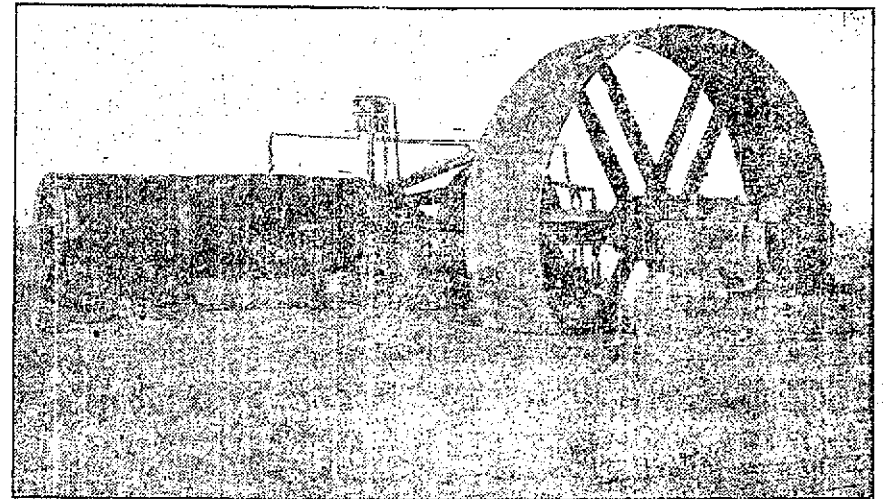
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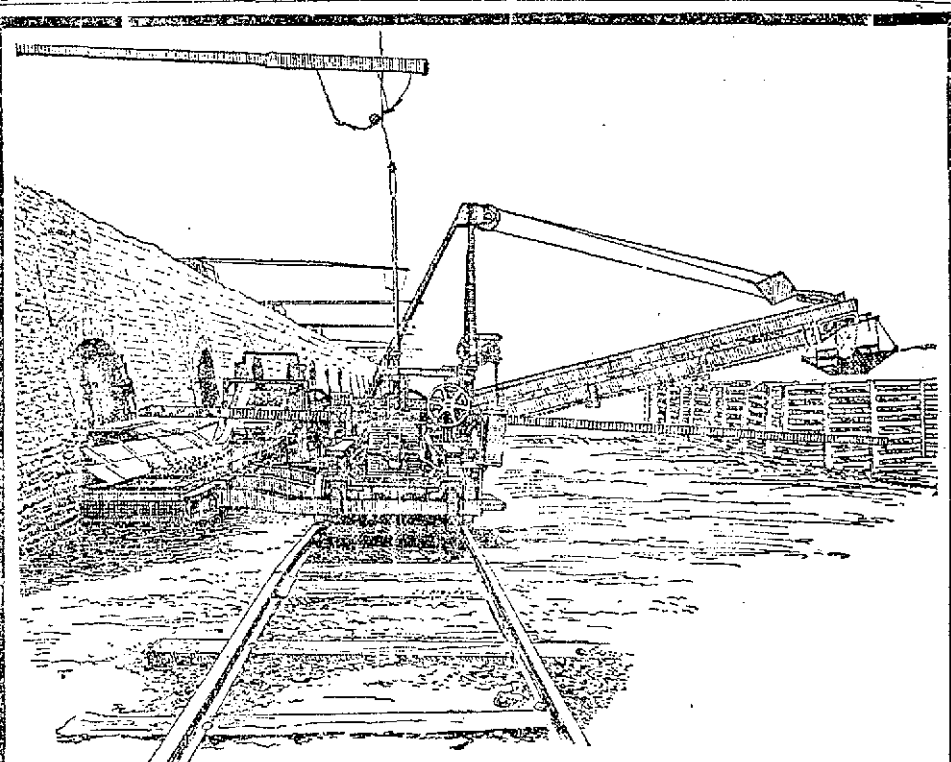


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